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PA: Security plan will be in on Monday

By DANNA HARMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

The Palestinian security working paper is near completion and will be given to the CIA on Monday, in accordance with the established timetable, Palestinian officials said yesterday.

"We will be sharing our security paper with the Americans when the implementation period begins – Monday – as was agreed upon," said negotiator Saeb Erekat. "There is no need for the Israelis to make a fuss. We will honor the Wye Memorandum to the minute and in accordance with the time frame."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky said that while Israel had understood the plan was meant to presented tomorrow, it would be welcome on Monday. "As soon as it is presented to the Americans, we will convene the cabinet for ratification of the deal," he said, citing Monday as a possible day for the meeting.

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"They give – they get. They don't give – they don't get," Netanyahu told reporters yesterday. "That's the way it works, that is how it [the agreement] is built, and that is the way it's going to be from now on."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who returned to Gaza after a short tour of neighboring Arab countries, expressed confidence that both sides would keep their promises. "I think that what has been signed will be implemented accurately," he said.

Arafat added that he is not concerned about the postponement of the cabinet meeting.

Although the paper will only be presented – probably verbally – on Monday, Israeli and Palestinian security teams are to meet Friday to discuss some of its aspects, said Erekat.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, meanwhile, has telephoned Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, and Arafat in recent days to emphasize the importance of beginning the implementation of the Wye Memorandum on time.

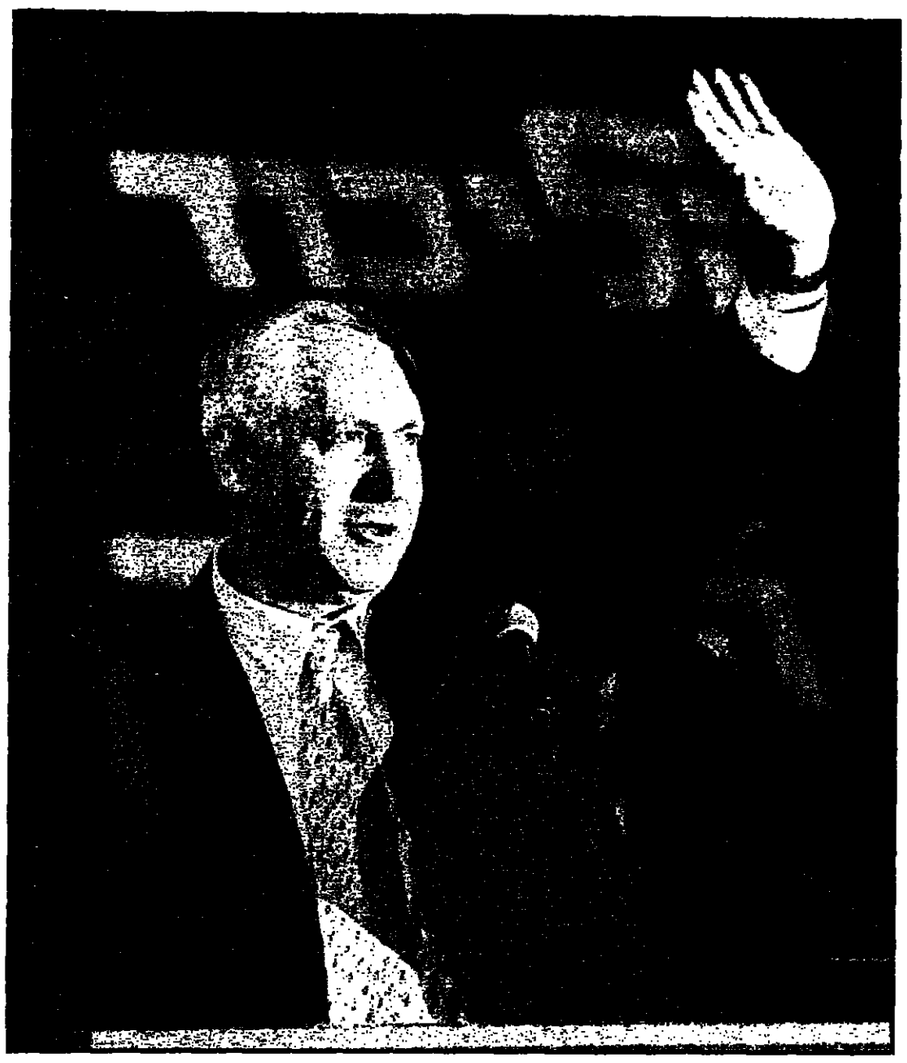
According to State Department spokesman James Rubin, President Bill Clinton has already accepted an invitation to address members of the Palestinian National Council when they convene – according to the timetable – in December.

Rubin urged that no one "exaggerate" Netanyahu's delaying the cabinet vote, saying the US has an understanding from both the Palestinians and Israelis as to their next steps. Seeking to quickly defuse the situation, he arranged an early morning conference call with Israeli and Arab reporters to emphasize that the US knew all along that such "bumps along the road" would occur.

That view was underscored in a 90-minute meeting Albright hosted later in the day with a group of more than 20 Jewish- and Arab-Americans. She appealed for their backing for the Wye deal, and urged the Arab-Americans to drum up support among the states of the region, according to Larry Rubin, executive vice chairman of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

The US's special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, who also addressed the gathering, "expressed confidence the sides will be able to work it out," said a participant.

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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu waves at supporters last night at the Likud Central Committee meeting in Tel Aviv. (AP)

PM wins Likud show of support

By SARAH HONIG and MICHAL YUDELMAN

The message to the Palestinians is "loud, clear, and as simple as can be," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night told a largely friendly crowd of Likud central committee members.

"If the Palestinians give, they will get," he continued. "If they won't give, they won't get."

The audience loved it and responded to Netanyahu with rhythmic chants, especially as he launched one of his most stinging attacks yet against Labor Party leader Ehud Barak. He also heralded the creation of a new leadership team: himself, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

But MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin later slammed the Wye Memorandum, calling it a horror, idiocy and an "agreement of defeat." He also termed Netanyahu "Arafat's friend."

"If the central committee approves the agreement, the Likud will lose its heart and soul, its image, ideology, faith, and raison d'etre," Begin said.

The committee did not vote on the memorandum. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who chairs the body, said there was no point in holding such a vote since the Palestinians had not yet come up with a security plan.

Netanyahu said that he brought back from Wye "tremendous achievements" and that he is proud of what he and his team accomplished.

The assembly at the Cinerama Auditorium in Tel Aviv was a mixed lot, as in most Likud central committee forums. As is the Likud practice, entry was not limited to members only and in the audience this time were many settlers from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza who are not Likud members and stood out in their crocheted kippot.

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Some were quietly ejected during Netanyahu's speech when they began to interrupt him. In all, however, the members were on their best behavior and proceedings were calm, especially given the emotive subject. A few homemade signs saying "A bad agreement" were hoisted.

Netanyahu and Sharon excited the audience, while Mordechai largely bored them.

Netanyahu said that, "despite the Left's denials, the Palestinians expected three 30% withdrawals, leaving 90% of the territory in their hands before the final-status talks. We had to lower these expectations. We found an expanded accordion and had to squeeze it back to 10% and a further three as a nature reserve, in which we have full military control and which they cannot populate or build in," he added.

Barak, Netanyahu continued, now says that "he would have gotten a better deal and ceded less. This man has no shame. Months ago when there were only rumors of US proposals, he demanded that we automatically accept whatever the Americans decree."

Netanyahu asked: "Could Barak withstand pressure in the final-status talks? Who could conduct better negotiations – the Barak, Yossi Beilin, and Yossi Sarid team, or interchangeably the Barak, Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and Ronni Milo team?

"Compare these combinations to Arik [Sharon], Itzik [Mordechai], and myself and tell me who will negotiate better, who will safeguard Jerusalem, the settlements, the land?" he asked.

The committee audience answered with a standing ovation and chants of "Bibi, King of Israel." They were just as enthusiastic when Sharon mounted the podium. He came despite being ill with the flu.

Sharon began with a long, semi-poetic description of historic sites in Judea and Samaria and of the settlers. He remarked that his own "mother and father looked the same. This is how it all began, the entire Zionist endeavor, this is how Eretz Yisrael was built. You are the fortress of the entire state," he told the settlers.

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Police to crack down on incitement against PM

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Police will crack down on extremists whose incitement encourages violence against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and other government officials, officials said yesterday.

National investigations head Cmdr. Yossi Sidbon said police are concerned over recent statements calling Netanyahu a traitor and other statements made by right-wing extremists outside the prime minister's residence on Monday night, during an angry protest against the Wye accord and the terrorist murder of Kiryat Arba resident Danny Vargas.

"We are very concerned, especially when taking into account the terrible experience we had in the past that led to such grave consequences," Sidbon told Israel Radio yesterday. He said anyone heard speaking in such a manner will be investigated.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein also said that the police and state prosecutors would not hesitate to take action against those who incite to violence, including public figures. Rubinstein, who called for restraint on the part of politicians as well as demonstrators, said the law is sufficient to deal with all offenders.

Sidbon ordered police to find the extremists who called out "Bring down Netanyahu at any cost" and "Bibi must be destroyed" on Monday night. He also ordered Jerusalem police to investigate statements made by former Kach activist Noam Federman and Rabbi Moshe Levinger during eulogies they delivered at Vargas's funeral.

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Federman said his statements at the funeral were legitimate and Levinger said on an Arutz 7 radio interview that he had said no more than "the prime minister is endangering the lives of people here."

Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, said it is a shame that, instead of respecting the dead and their families, a stage was given to certain elements known for their extreme views.

General Security Service officials are reportedly concerned over the increase in incitement to violence and have not ruled out the possibility of another political assassination by Jewish extremists. The GSS has reportedly stepped up its activities in the settlements and is monitoring the movement of certain extremists.

Many settlers say the crackdown is reminiscent of the days following the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

To press incitement charges against someone, there is a need to define the dividing line between freedom of expression and words that incite to murder, said Prof. Menahem Hofnung of the Hebrew University Law Faculty.

The problem of incitement is not unique to Israel, but occurs in many countries, including the US, he said. One must determine if certain expressions are in fact incitement. "For instance, instead of calling the prime minister a traitor, someone may say his actions are betraying the country and betraying its security interests. Can a person be put on trial for that?"

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Calls for unity tame the crowd at party rally

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spoke yesterday as if he could smell elections in the air. But his attack on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak could also serve him well in his desperate efforts to prevent early elections.

The most popular slogan on the extreme Right these days is "Perhaps Barak would be better than Bibi." This is the answer to the stock Likud taunt of "What will you do if you bring our government down? Will Barak be any better for you?"

Netanyahu had to answer that. It could not escape his eyes that NRP MK Nissan Slomiansky, a hawk's hawk, conferred with Barak yesterday. Netanyahu's remaining hope of saving his government depends on his ability to convince the settlers and their supporters that, even if they do not like him, at least they should realize that he is the lesser evil.

His attack on Barak was calculated to drive this message home. If, however, his speech doesn't work, it can become the one which kicks off the new election campaign.

Netanyahu took full advantage of the fact that much of the media was broadcasting the proceedings live, perhaps expecting rowdy scenes, like those the Likud central committee has provided in recent years. But this time the committee was well controlled, and most of the little heckling that there was came from outsiders, mainly settlers.

Even Netanyahu's most uncompromising opponent, MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, was not accorded anything like the near violent reception which Geula Cohen received when she dared oppose the Camp David Accords two decades ago. Cohen left the party soon after and helped found Tehiya.

Few in the Likud would be surprised if after Begin's vitriol, he can remain in the party. The consensus is that he already has one foot out and is perhaps only waiting to see if new elections are called soon.

Netanyahu's other critic, MK Uzi Landau, was no softer, though less acidic in tone. Observers could not fail to note that the sons of the Revisionist founding fathers were left nearly disenfranchised in the party, as was Netanyahu's mentor, Moshe Arens.

Almost all Fighting Family descendents oppose the agreement, including Tzahi Hanegbi and Limor Livnat. Their line is, in Livnat's words, it is "an utter distortion to claim that we have lost our ideology and are indistinguishable from Labor. It matters a great deal that this government not fall, because the alternative is calamitous. We must stay united and keep this government alive."

The note she struck perhaps explains why this central committee session was so tame. Many members do not like the agreement and could not evince enthusiasm. At the same time, most fear lending a hand to bringing their own government down.

The result was a mixed mood of disappointment and acknowledgement that there is no other alternative. It was a sad and subdued central committee, rather than the high-spirited lot we have come to know.

Soldier seriously wounded in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

A Givati Brigade soldier was seriously wounded in a mortar attack on an IDF outpost in the western sector of the security zone during fierce fighting in the region yesterday.

Later in the evening, four South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded – one of them seriously – in bombardments in the eastern sector of the zone.

The attacks by Hizbullah and apparently Amal were the most concerted in several weeks and prompted heavy return fire by the IDF.

The Givati soldier was wounded during a mortar barrage on the IDF's Karkum position. He was evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where deputy director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said he underwent surgery for serious head wounds.

Early reports said the soldier was hit in the head by shrapnel and one piece was lodged near his optic nerve, causing concern he may have been blinded.

The SLA soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously and two moderately, in a mortar barrage on the SLA's Kantara position. They were also evacuated to Rambam. The fourth soldier was reported to be suffering from light injuries and was treated at the scene.

Israel yesterday lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over Tuesday's Hizbullah shelling of Ras Bayada, in which three civilians were wounded, calling it a flagrant violation of the understandings.

IMA: Health funds forcing use of cheaper drugs

By JUDY SIEGEL

In their efforts to save money, the health funds are setting up bureaucratic barriers to discourage doctors from prescribing expensive medications included in the basket of health services, encouraging them to give less expensive drugs that are sometimes less effective, Israel Medical Association (IMA) chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The IMA has received complaints from the various medical societies about cases in which health funds pressured doctors to replace more advanced drugs with cheaper ones, he said.

The IMA, he added, constantly tells its members that medical considerations must be given priority over economic ones when prescribing, and that any physician who is instructed by the insurer to give less effective drugs will get legal and professional support from the IMA.

Blachar blamed "one man – the Treasury's Haim Pelts [in charge of budgets for the health system] – for the current health fund policy of cutting expenses at all costs."

Several doctors said the insurers are careful not to state in writing that more expensive drugs must be replaced by cheaper ones.

Dr. Gadi Neuman, head of Kupat Holim Clalit's Petah Tikva administration, issued a letter – obtained by the *Post* – to all clinic directors, independent doctors, and Clalit pharmacists in the area on September 3 saying that four cardiovascular drugs must be taken off the shelves and replaced with cheaper ones.

However, Clalit spokeswoman Anat Weiss said the health fund itself caught this "error" and sent out a correction a few weeks ago, declaring that patients who arrive with a prescription for any of the four more expensive drugs should be sent back to their doctor to receive one of the cheaper drugs.

However, the correction added, "if the doctor believes that the drug should not be substituted, he must make a request to the director of the administration."

Weiss said that "all the drugs in the basket are available. There is no decision or instruction in the health fund that prohibits the use of a certain drug in the basket if the doctor thinks it's preferable from medical considerations. But there is no reason not to give the cheaper medications if they are just as effective."

Prof. Micha Levy, a senior clinical pharmacologist and chairman of the internal medicine division of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, said that "without naming any specific drugs or any specific health funds, I do see in the field that the conditions of some patients have suffered because of drug substitution."

Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-general of the Health Ministry, said that "by and large, patients are getting the drugs they need, but there may be some exceptions. We will investigate any complaints made, but the health funds must be free to save money by giving equivalent drugs if they're just as effective."

Dr. Karny Rubin, the Health Ministry ombudswoman, said she would keep an eye out for complaints sent to her office about substitution of drugs listed in the basket of services; the IMA will send out letters to its members asking about pressure not to prescribe necessary drugs.

Meanwhile, Na'amat yesterday filed a class-action suit against Kupat Holim Maccabi for refusing in-vitro fertilization treatments to women members, even though the treatment is included in the basket of health services.

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NEWS

in brief

Smyrek pleads innocent

Stephan Smyrek, 26, a German citizen arrested on suspicion of plotting a suicide bombing said yesterday that he had come to Israel for a vacation and not to carry out an attack.

He pleaded not guilty in Tel Aviv District Court and his lawyer, Ronit Robinson, said she will argue that her client's confession was made under duress and should not be admissible in court.

Robinson said she would be petitioning the High Court to disclose classified materials that may be helpful in Smyrek's defense.

Smyrek was arrested on November 18 as he arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport. He is accused of plotting with Hizbullah to carry out a bombing.

The trial will reconvene on January 3 when the prosecution begins its case. *AP*

Panel probing mental patient's escape, death

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday appointed a committee to investigate the case of a man who escaped from Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon before being admitted to the psychiatric department and was found dead earlier in the day.

The patient, 23, was injured when admitted to the hospital on Tuesday, the Health Ministry spokesman said, but he did not have details on the nature of the injuries. After the man was treated, he agreed to be hospitalized in the psychiatric department, but on his way there, he disappeared, the spokesman said.

The police began to look for him, but yesterday at noon he was found dead. The ministry committee consists of two senior psychiatrists and a ministry security expert. *Judy Siegel*

Maccabi TA plane makes emergency landing

A plane carrying the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball club to Yugoslavia was forced to turn around and make an emergency landing at Ben-Gurion Airport after experiencing engine trouble yesterday.

The chartered Aeroel Airlines Dash-8 twin turboprop landed without incident, the Airports Authority said.

"The captain had detected a loss of power in one of the engines," the Authority said.

Israel Radio reported the team would resume the journey on another plane to play in tonight's EuroLeague match against Red Star Belgrade. *Reuters*

Ulpan Akiva wins UNESCO prize

Ulpan Akiva has won the 1998 UNESCO Peace Prize, Education Ministry deputy director-general Yair Levin announced yesterday.

The prize will be awarded in Paris in December. The ulpan was established in 1951 by Shlomit Katznelson and has served as an institution for learning Hebrew and Arabic since then. Current director-general Efraim Lapid expanded the program to include study days for teachers, students, and the public regarding relations between Arabs and Jews and those between observant and non-observant Israelis. A new course recently opened there in which National Service young women study to become Arabic teachers. Education Minister Yitzhak Levy will visit the ulpan today. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Turkey may delay Syria border exercises

Turkey might delay military exercises on the Syrian border after striking a deal with Damascus that eased a security crisis between the two countries, NTV television reported yesterday.

Syria last week bowed to Turkish demands to drop support for Kurdish guerrillas active in Turkey's southeast. Turkey had threatened military action and announced the army maneuvers.

President Ezer Weizman was in Ankara yesterday for 75th anniversary celebrations of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic. He was expected to meet with Turkish Suleyman Demirel. *Batsheva Tsur and Reuters*

GSS releases partial account of the Ora killing

The two suspects in the murder of Itamar Doron and wounding of Ilan Mazon at the Ora spring earlier this month asked their victims whether they had left the keys in their car and then shot them, according to the General Security Service.

The GSS said suspects Munir Jadallah and Majid Mutawa approached the two men, who were newly observant and had gone to the spring for ritual cleansing.

Most details of the investigation remain classified. *Itim.*

Top Republicans: Don't free Pollard

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Republican congressional leaders have urged President Bill Clinton not to grant a reprieve or pardon to convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, imprisoned since 1985.

In a letter dated October 27 and made public yesterday, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, and the chairmen of the House and Senate intelligence committees, Rep. Porter Goss of Florida and Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, called Pollard "one of the most notorious traitors in US history."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had pushed for Pollard's release during the Wye summit.

Clinton refused Netanyahu's request to immediately grant clemency to the former US naval intelligence analyst, convicted of providing the Israelis with highly sensitive intelligence. But he said he would review the case.

Republican leaders, in their letter to Clinton, wrote that Pollard had "betrayed the trust placed in him and undermined the security of our country."

"Should Pollard be released, there is every reason to believe, based on his own statements, that he would resume his treacherous conduct and further damage the national security of the United States," the lawmakers warned.

Clinton last reviewed the case in 1996, and declined at the time to release Pollard or shorten his life sentence.

Republican leaders, in their letter to Clinton, noted that the president, in making his decision, cited the gravity of the crimes and Pollard's lack of remorse. "Absolutely nothing has changed," they wrote.



Shalom, brother

Rachel Rabin-Ya'acov of Kibbutz Menara, sister of slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, lights a yahrzeit candle at a memorial to him at the Tel Hai Community College yesterday. (Avihu Shapiro)

Report: Israel has 'ethnic bullet'

Bio-weapon would target Arabs

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – Israel has developed "ethnic bullets" that are tailored to target only Arabs, the London-based *Foreign Report* will suggest today.

Quoting an "unconfirmed report" from its South African sources, the newsletter says Israeli scientists may have succeeded in developing a biological weapon that is based on aspects of the Arab genetic system.

These elements were reported to have been isolated after years of research on Jews of Arab origin, particularly Iraqi Jews.

The South African sources claimed that the "ethnic bullet" program was developed in apartheid South Africa for possible use against blacks.

Cooperation between South African and Israeli scientists is said to have been close during that period.

"The report reaching us says the Israelis took the project over and directed it against the Arabs," noted the newsletter. "One of the reported conclusions was that there was a genetic difference between Ashkenazi Jews and Jews of Arabic origin, and also between Jews and Arabs."

The research, according to this account, was conducted over many years in conditions of top secrecy for security reasons and because of "the sensitivity in Israeli society about genetic experiments."

The newsletter reported that many scientists are skeptical about the success of the project "but, our sources insist, some scientists appeared to have identified an illness that could be transmitted through Baghdad's water supply and affect only Arabs."

The research, which was apparently completed some two years ago, was carried out at several centers.

Israeli officials declined to confirm the existence of the "ethnic bullet," but one told the newsletter: "We have a basket full of strategic surprises which we will not hesitate to use if we feel that the State of Israel is under serious threat."

The potential for genetic weapons was first raised publicly in March 1996 by the former head of Sweden's defense research establishment, Gen. Bo Rybeck. He suggested, for example, that a mixture of influenza or diptheria could be designed to affect only blacks, a designer toxin could be aimed at Serbs, or people with blue eyes might be infected with Alzheimer's disease.

At the time, Rybeck said that as far as he knew no government was developing genetic weapons.

Ramon causes uproar with unity gov't bid

By LIAT COLLINS

Just when all eyes were focused on the struggles within the coalition, Labor MK Haim Ramon threw a political grenade among the opposition parties. In a radio interview yesterday morning, Ramon suggested that one of the options Labor should consider is a national unity government.

The response from his party colleagues was not long in coming: Ramon soon found himself in the Knesset cafeteria surrounded by Labor and Meretz MKs all criticizing him.

Labor's Yossi Beilin hastily convened a press conference attended by seven colleagues at which the idea of a national unity government was rejected in no uncertain terms. Perhaps the most succinct was Dalia Itzik, who stated: "A national unity government? Nyet!"

Many of the MKs were particularly surprised by Ramon's statement, since he is behind the bill for the dissolution of the Knesset and early elections.

Ramon remained unfazed by the criticism, denying he had said anything new and insisting his position remains that there are two ways to influence the peace process: early elections or a national unity government.

"I have always said that if [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu approaches the Labor Party with a serious proposal, including changing the composition of the government, we should support it. If it doesn't happen, we should dissolve the Knesset and have elections. I don't know an opposition in the world which provides a safety net for the government. If the opposition decides it agrees with the government, it joins it, and if it doesn't agree, it topples it. Preserving a government you don't agree with from outside is a new phenomenon."

He said he had spoken with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, "as I do every day." Barak's stand is that a national unity government is not on the agenda. Former leader Shimon Peres favors it.

At the press conference, Beilin said that a national unity government under Netanyahu would not be able to reach the stage of the final-status arrangements with the Palestinians.

Budget vote postponed

By NINA GILBERT

The vote on the first reading of the 1999 state budget and economic arrangements bill was postponed yesterday when it was decided to turn it into a vote of no-confidence in the government, after it became apparent that the government did not have a majority to pass the legislation.

The no-confidence vote is due to take place on Monday.

Moledet MK Rehavam Ze'evi, who proposed the motion, demanded that the vote take place on Sunday, after the memorial session marking the third anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. Ze'evi, whose proposal caused an uproar in the plenum, claimed that Knesset rules require that no-confidence motions be heard at the first session of the week.

However, Speaker Dan Tichon's office scoffed at the suggestion, noting that the Rabin session is a special gathering of the plenum and thus is not considered the first session of the week.

The debate on the first reading of the budget continued for a second day yesterday and was due to end with a vote.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman concluded the debate by asking the MKs not to use the budget vote to demonstrate opposition to the peace process.

However, minutes before the vote was to take place, coalition whip Meir Sheetrit rushed into consultations with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, as it had become apparent there was no majority. This was due to the lack of support from the National Religious Party, which said its budget demands were not met.

When the House came to order again, Ze'evi proposed turning the vote into a no-confidence motion. His proposal was followed by a motion from Sheetrit to make the vote a motion of confidence in the prime minister.

Labor whip Elie Goldschmidt decried Sheetrit's proposal. Goldschmidt said his party could not support turning the vote into a motion of confidence in the prime minister as this "would force it to vote against its conscience on the budget."

He said Labor had a gentlemen's agreement with the government to support it for two weeks on the peace process and in votes of no-confidence, but this did not include other issues, such as the budget.

As a result of Goldschmidt's plea, Sheetrit withdrew his confidence proposal, which would have resulted in an immediate vote. Ze'evi's proposal remained, however.

Labor faction leaders said they would ensure there are enough votes to reject the budget bill but not topple the government, which requires a majority of 61 MKs, on Monday.

Goldschmidt said that the Labor Party would be considering again next week whether to extend the security net. In the meantime, he said he would try to persuade Ze'evi to rescind his no-confidence motion in order to have a vote only on the budget.

The National Religious Party said that it wouldn't support the budget and would vote no-confidence unless the Treasury meets its demands, including granting free education beginning at four and repealing the plan to cut benefits for senior citizens.

After the Knesset session, Neeman accused the NRP of using the budget to vent its anger at the government over the Wye agreement, a claim rejected by the NRP, which said it is not linking the two issues. The NRP is to meet next Thursday to decide on its political path, including the early elections bill. It is not expected to support any move to topple the prime minister.

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NRP urged PM to cancel speech

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has canceled the speech he was to deliver at the National Religious Party central committee next Thursday. The official reason given is a tight schedule.

Apparently the request that he not appear came from the NRP itself, which does not want the premier at a meeting in which it will decide on its candidate for prime minister. It also took into account that its ministers and MKs will probably have voted against the Wye Memorandum in the cabinet and Knesset earlier in the week, making a speech by Netanyahu on reasons to support it redundant.

"He called and asked us to come, along with [Defense Minister Ariel] Sharon," said NRP MK Nissan Slomiansky. "We warned him that tempers were hot and the reception might be very difficult... so he seems to have changed his mind."

An NRP source admitted the party is concerned that the prime minister would be seriously heckled at the meeting and would not be able to speak.

Meanwhile, Labor Party Secretary-General Ra'anan Cohen yesterday met with NRP MKs Zvi Hendel, Shmaryahu Ben-Tsur, Slomiansky, and Eli Gabbai. It was decided to strengthen the contact between the two parties and next week MKs from both factions are expected to meet in the Knesset.

"These meetings are the start of a move to bring us closer and renew the historic alliance between Labor and the NRP," Cohen said.

He said the two parties have enough in common on socio-economic issues to cooperate, despite the differences on the diplomatic process.

"These meetings are important for creating a dialogue between the parties," Cohen said.

Slomiansky said the NRP is at a crossroads. He said the main task is to reduce the divisions in the country. He also said that Labor Party leader Ehud Barak is an option as a candidate for prime minister as far as he is concerned.

Danna Harman contributed to this report.

CORRECTIONS

Yesterday's photograph on Page 1 should have been credited to Isaac Harari. The Page 4 photograph of student demonstrations should have been credited to Kevin Unger.

INCITEMENT

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Meanwhile, threats have been directed against members of the settlers council who publicly condemned the murder of elderly Palestinian farmer Mohammed Zalmout. Police believe the fatal bludgeoning was carried out by a 28-year-old Jew with a violent background, who is identified with the Braslav hassidim.

"We have been warned by the GSS that all the council leaders are on the Hamas hit list. We are warned not to travel in isolated areas or Area A alone and, on the other hand, we have received threats from a group of Jewish extremists," said Tayar.

A rifle bullet was recently left under the windshield wiper of a car belonging to council director Aharon Domb and council chairman Pinhas Wallerstein received a Women in Green postcard that said: "If you go in the same direction as the traitor Netanyahu, you Pinhas Wallerstein will also be responsible for the spilling of blood."

"We are very disturbed by the implications, but we are not the kind of group that would write such things," said group co-founder Ruth Matar, who noted that Women in Green has also complained to the police about hate mail and phone threats.

Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

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6. Bids, prepared in accordance with the tender documents must be placed in the tenders box at the Registration and Documentation Dept. (the Archives), 1st floor, at the Head Office of the Authority, Ben-Gurion Airport, by November 19, 1998 at 10 a.m.
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US planning int'l parley to raise funds for PA

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – The US intends to organize an international conference to raise funds for Palestinian economic development projects that it hopes will *demonstrate tangible* support for last week's Israeli-Palestinian accord.

The effort comes as the administration, using blunt language, is raising its pressure on the Arab world to cease viewing the peace process as a "spectator sport" and take steps to support the Wye Memorandum.

Such moves would include a resumption of the annual regional economic conference that was cancelled this year, and of the long-frozen multilateral negotiations; and *normalizing relations with Israel.*

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Martin Indyk told Israeli and Arab reporters late Tuesday that the US wants tangible steps in support of Israel and the Palestinians to occur now, rather than await the end of the three-*month implementation* period.

While 12 weeks "may seem a very short time," it will be "a *very long time politically* for [Palestinian Authority] Chairman [Yasser] Arafat and Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu," he said.

"They are going to be facing... strong opposition as implementation goes forward. They are going to need support. We are not asking for the moon."

Arab states that for the past year prodded the US to break the deadlock in the peace process now have an obligation to support the agreement, much as the administration is working with Congress to provide funds to help cover redeployment costs and investments in the *Palestinian economy, Indyk said.*

He called the Arabs' response to the accord "lukewarm."

He added that the US is appealing also to the EU, Russia, and others to play a role.

"They should decide. If they have an interest in peace, they've got to decide: *Are they going to sit back and allow the* US to do all the heavy lifting on its own, or are they going to lend a hand? If they're going to sit back... then they have to suspend their criticism.

"If they have an interest in peace, then they need to act according to that interest... We have never accepted the proposition that we should have a greater interest *in this than the parties themselves.*"

The US organized a donors conference here on October 1, 1993, just three weeks after the signing of the Oslo 1 accord. The event raised more than $2 billion for Palestinian infrastructure projects, although pledges were slow being fulfilled as the newly formed PA sought to *institutionalize the required accounting* procedures.

The US now believes that donor countries should now have "a high degree of confidence" that their pledges "will be put to good effect," Indyk said.

Several donors have told the US that they are troubled by the effect on the Palestinian economy of Israel's security closures of the territories, Indyk said. But he added that if the implementation of the accord proceeds faithfully, those concerns will lessen.

Asked about Saudi Arabia's role, Indyk said that its pressing the US to play a more active role in brokering the redeployment agreement, as well as its support for the Palestinians, constitute "another reason why we think it's reasonable to expect Saudi Arabia and others to be responsive now to our call for their stronger engagement in the process."

PA court sentences officers for Fatah raid

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Thousands of Fatah activists and supporters called yesterday at the funeral of Wasim Tarifi, 18, shot dead by a Palestinian security officer, for an end to what they termed the tyranny of PA security forces.

The funeral took place hours *after a Jericho court sentenced* four members of the PA's military *intelligence service to terms of up* to four years for their raid on a Fatah officer, on Saturday, which led to the shootout at a violent demonstration the following day.

In an unprecedented show of defiance, thousands of people, led by PA officials and legislators, marched past Ramallah police headquarters and chanted slogans against Moussa Arafat, head of military intelligence and the nephew of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"Moussa, Moussa, you coward. Go chase women," young demonstrators chanted, as PA officials tried to gain control of their bullhorn. "Revolt against corruption. First in line is Moussa Arafat." PA *representatives* warned Chairman Arafat that the Palestinians would *no longer be intimidated by the* security forces.

"The Palestinian people is unable to remain silent against this force," PA parliamentary affairs minister Nabil Amr said. "The PA will not remain for long if it doesn't eliminate its corruption."

PA Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi, the uncle of the dead teenager, directed his anger toward Moussa Arafat. He called on the PA chairman to deal harshly with his nephew.

"If this [Moussa Arafat] is from *the Palestinian people, he knows* that he must not enter this city *[Ramallah] as he was the cause of* these incidents."

The Jericho court sentenced the officers for endangering the interests of the Palestinian people and harming national unity. Lt. Mahmoud Haroun was sentenced to four years. Sgt. Mahmoud Walid, Sgt. Alaeddin Nabulsi, and Pvt. Faisal Ali were sentenced to three years each.

At a news conference in Gaza, military intelligence chief Arafat acknowledged that he ordered the *raid of the Fatah office in* Ramallah on Saturday. He said the *raid was meant to capture seven* Fatah activists whom he suspected of assaulting colleagues.

"Here, I confess that I made a mistake," Arafat said referring to the raid. "After some phone calls, we released the prisoners in the early hours of the morning. But we were surprised on Sunday by an armed [Fatah] demonstration and assault on a shop and shooting in the air by a person with a weapon. One citizen [Tarifi] was wounded. He hasn't any *connection with Fatah. I am sad* over his death and I am sending my condolences to his family."

Arafat said his officers did not shoot Tarifi, as they were behind a high stone wall that blocked their view of the demonstrators. He pointed out that several Fatah demonstrators shot their rifles and said he has obtained a list of the armed protesters.

Dozens arrested as student clashes with police intensify

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Clashes between students and police intensified yesterday as protests were held in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beersheba and Haifa. Six students were injured, and at least 76 arrested, according to Ronen Hershkowitz, chairman of the National Union of Israeli Students.

Police officials said last night that as of today, they would use tougher measures against student protesters, Israel Radio reported.

The arrests in Tel Aviv came after students blocked Einstein Street outside Tel Aviv University and later during a large demonstration at the Glilot Junction. At the university, students burned tires.

Protesters in cars staged a "funeral" on the Ayalon Highway and other roads, snarling traffic.

Hershkowitz said that police once again entered the campus and made arrests at the union headquarters, even though they had promised Knesset Interior Committee chairman Micha Goldman not to do so. Itim reported that two students were hurt when a policeman hit them with a megaphone

"Things are getting hotter, and we've again seen the tough tactics being used against the students by the police," Hershkowitz said. Meanwhile, no one is paying *attention to us and we have heard* nothing from the Treasury or the Education Ministry."

"How many students must be injured or arrested before the Finance Minister hears us?" he asked. "We want him to know that we haven't given up and aren't breaking."

Police said they arrested only students inciting others from the roof.

In downtown Jerusalem, seven protesting students were arrested when they tried to block traffic on Jaffa Road. Some 300 students took part in the demonstration, which was held without a permit.

After gathering on Ben-Yehuda Street, the students sat down in the center of Zion Square, chanting slogans and waving protest signs. An agreement was reached among Jerusalem District Police Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, MK Naomi Chazan and student leaders whereby the students agreed to return to campus in exchange for the release of the seven students.

There were also two students arrested in Haifa and one hurt after *students blocked Merkaz Horev* near the Technion, some carrying a coffin marked "higher education." Demonstrations were also held at Bar Ilan University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where eight people were arrested.

Twenty-three more students were arrested during another rally held last night at the Glilot Junction.

Meanwhile, the Knesset Finance and Education committees demanded that the Finance Ministry present proposals by next week for helping the students to reduce their tuition load.

"I will not be able to face the public pressure if we don't bring *the students a real answer from the* Treasury," Finance Committee *Chairman Avraham Ravitz said.*

Education Committee Chairman MK Emanuel Zissmann proposed that the joint committee be charged with advancing the negotiations *between the two sides "but not* based on the unreasonable stand taken by the Treasury that an agreement was signed for five years, and now there's nothing that can be done."

The Union of Local Authorities *in Israel pledged NIS 50,000 in* financial support to gain the release of arrested students, but because the banks were closed yesterday afternoon, many of *those arrested were facing a night* in jail. Politicians and other public figures were involved in trying to gain releases.

The ULAI also demanded an *investigation into the arrests* made in the union building.



Border policemen remove a student protester from King George Street in Jerusalem yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

MKs use immunity to work on Ras el-Amud

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Three MKs started erecting a fence at the controversial Jerusalem property in Ras el-Amud yesterday, using their parliamentary immunity to succeed where others had been stopped by police twice before this week.

"It's unfortunate that we have to rely on our parliamentary *immunity to do what legally is allowed to* every Jew," said Michael Kleiner, *head of the Land of Israel Front.* "As we were informed that *nobody could help us, we MKs* will start building the fence today, and if we can't complete it, we will come back next week to complete the work."

Benny Elon (Moledet) said they were forced to start the work because "we received information that there was some kind of agreement at the Wye Plantation that this area, between Abu Dis and the *Temple Mount, is the most strate*gic and important area for the *PLO.*"

Rolling up their sleeves and donning workman's gloves, Kleiner, Elon, and Nissan Slomianksy (National Religious Party) hoisted a three-meter-high fence post and together started banging down on it. After two unsuccessful attempts, they moved the stake and succeeded in getting it far enough into the ground to stand on its own.

Elon then held a roll of barbed wire, while Slomianksy unraveled it southward for *about 15 meters* along the western edge of the compound.

The MKs defended their right to build – on behalf of owner Dr. Irving Moskowitz – because they were in possession of all necessary documents.

"I spoke before I came here with the minister of internal security," said Kleiner, "and he said he has *no answers because legally we are* right and the law doesn't give the *police any right to interfere.*" Sources said that police permission is likely to come at week's end, at which point building on the property will continue.

Kleiner also said that the garage abutting the house, where six students and two families now live, will be converted into the Land of *Israel Front headquarters.*

There were no Palestinian or *Peace Now demonstrators, as* police cordoned off the area.

"*What the MKs did today was a* show of strength for [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu," said Hagit Yaari, spokeswoman for Peace Now, who was prevented from entering the area. "The right-wing MKs are trying to do everything possible to stop this peace process. We demand that Netanyahu stop these provocative actions."

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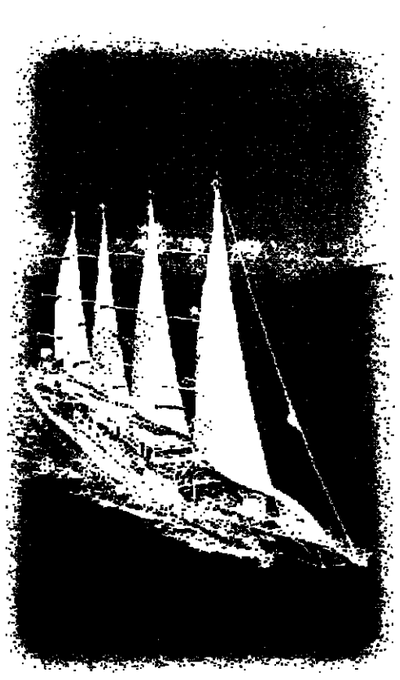
The liberalization will pertain as of January 1, 1999 to those 70 and older at that date. It will pertain to those younger upon their turning 70 at a later date.

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Kindness that endured for half a century

An Israeli woman tracks down an ex-British soldier who helped her while interned in Cyprus

By SHI DAVIDI

Fifty-one years ago, when Cpl. Albert Hampson and two other British soldiers gave a lonely seven-year-old girl at the Cyprus Transit Camp fruit, chocolate, and milk against army regulations, he had no idea how important it was to the young refugee from Romania.

"I couldn't believe how much it meant to her until we met," said Hampson, 70, who arrived a week ago and met Miriam Axelrod last Thursday for the first time since 1947. "I thought to myself: This is a dream come true."

"You can't understand how much the gesture they made means to a little kid who has nothing," said Axelrod, 58. "It was hard. I was the only child [in the camp] with no toys, by myself, and Albert was one of three soldiers who gave me something every day."

Today a businesswoman from Ramat Gan, in 1947 Axelrod, her mother, and grandmother were among illegal refugees captured by the British navy en route to Haifa. She began her search for Hampson and his comrades seven years ago, but without their names or other details. While in London in 1991, she sent letters telling her story to the five biggest daily newspapers in England and made appearances on missing-person TV programs.

Hampson didn't answer, but a man named John Smith did. He assembled a team and began searching army and veterans' organizations archives. About a month and a half ago, Hampson was found; he and Axelrod exchanged letters, spoke on the phone, and a trip to Israel was arranged.

"The first time we spoke on the phone I was so nervous that I couldn't speak in English and spoke only Hebrew to him," recalled Axelrod. "Finally I gave my husband the phone and told him to say that I'd phone again tomorrow. I was able to talk then and we talked a lot and he said that he would come in the last week of October."

"She was very, very nervous and I wasn't very steady myself," said Hampson, a retiree. "My wife and I had plans to go to Cyprus or Italy, but after talking on the phone, we decided to come here."

When he arrived, "we jumped on each other right away and kissed as if we've known each other all our lives," said Axelrod.

The two have been sharing memories of the camp. Axelrod has told Hampson how she, her mother, and grandmother would share what he gave her with others in the camp. Hampson told Axelrod that she had reminded him of his little sister back home.

Hampson said he and his wife, Patricia, have been "thoroughly spoiled by Miriam and Tony [her husband]," and that "the Israeli people have been marvelous to us, absolutely wonderful."

The Hampsons are returning to Wiltshire, England today, but plans are under way for the Axelrods to visit.

Axelrod also plans to continue searching for the surviving soldier from the camp trio. "I owe them a huge debt," said Axelrod. "I am disappointed the third is gone, because I wanted to give my gratitude to all three."



Miriam Axelrod with former British soldier Albert Hampson, whom she met at her refugee camp in Cyprus in 1947. The two were reunited after Axelrod searched seven years to find Hampson. (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

JNF finds map with plans for arson

By DAVID RUDGE

A detailed plan for a campaign of arson attacks against forests in the Mt. Gilboa region was discovered by JNF workers after they tackled a blaze in the area on Tuesday evening.

The piece of paper giving details of the plan and a map of the region were found in a wallet which had apparently fallen from the pocket of a man who, with several others, was seen running away from the scene.

JNF spokesman Moshe Pearl said it appeared from documents found in the wallet that the man is a resident of Jilaboun, just over the Green Line. He said the documents were given to the police.

"On Tuesday evening, a team of JNF foresters on fire-watch duty on Mt. Gilboa spotted smoke and raced to the scene of a blaze that had broken out. They saw a number of people running away," said Pearl.

"After they extinguished the fire, they found the wallet with the map and the plans for the arson campaign inside it. The site where the blaze occurred was one of those listed on the plan."

Pearl noted that the JNF had boosted fire-watch patrols and observation posts following dozens of fires which had destroyed hundreds of dunams of forest and natural brush in the Mt. Gilboa area in the past few weeks.

He said the action had paid dividends on Tuesday evening and that the team on duty at the time had spotted the fire managed to extinguish it quickly.

"We also now have an indication that the previous fires were not accidental, nor the result of negligence, as well as a clue as to who was behind them," said Pearl.

Human error caused deaths in APC crash

By DAVID RUDGE

Human error appears to have been the cause of the accident in which IDF paratroopers Sgt. Omer Eshed and Sgt. Eran Ariel were killed when their armored personnel carrier plunged down a cliff in the Wadi Litani area of south Lebanon last month.

The findings of an inquiry conducted by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz into the accident revealed that the soldiers had been properly prepared for their mission and the vehicles had also been properly equipped.

The driver of the APC was highly qualified and experienced in carrying out such missions. The inquiry found that soldiers nearby saw the APC moving towards the cliff and called on the crew to stop, but for reasons that were unclear, the APC did not come to a halt and plunged 300 meters over the precipice.

Mofaz, who described the incident as a "painful operational accident," concluded that it was impossible to absolutely determine the cause. The Chief of Staff gave instructions to carry out improvements in certain operational aspects connected to the incident.

Mofaz conducted a seperate inquiry into an incident last month in which an officer trainee was shot in the leg and moderately wounded during an exercise prior to an ambush mission in the security zone.

Mofaz said it was a "serious incident" resulting from an unacceptably low level of safety precautions. Mofaz accepted the recommendations of the head of Ground Forces Command to make a note in the record of the battalion commander of the officer training base. The cadet officer's company commander was reprimanded.

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"With respect to the idea that is now out there that this agreement is in jeopardy – we do not agree with that," Rubin told reporters. "As a result of those conversations, we believe that this agreement will go forward. On the Palestinian side, we have been assured that what needs to be done in the coming days will be done. And on the Israeli side... [Albright] has confidence that Prime Minister Netanyahu will get the necessary approvals of his government in the coming days."

While the agreement states that the Palestinians' security plan will be presented to the US by November 2, when the accord takes effect, "there was an understanding that the necessary work would be done by Friday," Rubin said.

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He, too, listed the accomplishments he said were achieved at Wye and went on to charge that "our political rivals want to bring this government down, not in order to win more for Israel but to yield more to the Arabs."

Mordechai described the "relentless battles by the prime minister and the team for every clause and detail. It was a brave battle to fix what was wrong with Oslo... Eretz Yisrael is holy to us all, as is our history and heritage, but we must pay heed to today's reality."

Begin said to Netanyahu, Mordechai, and Sharon: "Arafat has wrapped you around his little finger," adding that Netanyahu is "Arafat's friend."

"You say [rejecting the agreement] will bring the Left to power? The Left is already in power. Two left hands signed the agreement and turned the Likud into a contractor of the Labor Party," Begin said.

"Netanyahu is lying once again. In fact, he has transferred 27%, 800 square kilometers of Judea and Samaria, to the Palestinians. Israel now depends on the good will of the Palestinians. If they want to, they'll cooperate, if not they'll give a green light to terrorism and terrorists will emerge from the mountains which this government is giving them," Begin said.

Begin's angry speech, which many took to be a sign he had decided to quit the Likud, was scheduled towards the end of the meeting, after the Channel 1 Mabat news, and was made after many had already left the auditorium.

Liat Collins adds:

A spokesman for Barak responded to Netanyahu's speech saying the prime minister "lied as usual to save his seat."

"Barak never demanded the US initiative be accepted as it was. On the contrary, Barak warned that Netanyahu would give in to the US as indeed happened. Barak would have achieved a better agreement earlier and will achieve a better final-status arrangement," the spokesman said.

"Leaders do not lead by whining and crying. Netanyahu would do better to start acting calmly as his job requires and not pulling the wool over the eyes of his voters having lied to them."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said: "Netanyahu has for the last few days played the role of the victim of incitement, but [at the party conference] he showed for the umpteenth time that he is the national inciter."

Tichon: More MKs threatened

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday again warned of increased threats against MKs. "This is a democracy and decisions should be made in the polling booth and accepted," he said, calling on MKs to act with greater tolerance and to consider their words carefully.

Some MKs have received individual protection, he added, but said this is not enough. He did not elaborate.

"We can't make the whole area sterile, but we do our best," he said.

Tichon noted there is an ongoing dispute over whether the police or the General Security Service is responsible for protecting MKs.

On Sunday the Knesset will hold a short special memorial session for Yitzhak Rabin, after a graveside ceremony. The prime minister, leader of the opposition, and four other MKs will speak, he said.

The Rabin family is to attend, as are the president, the state comptroller, president of the Supreme Court, chief rabbis, and other dignitaries.

Law for soldiers' medical treatment

The Knesset this week passed a law that provides soldiers who are found physically unfit for service a 60-day period in which they can receive medical treatment while remaining in the military. The law was the initiative of Labor MK Ori Orr, a reserve major-general.

He said that previously a soldier found unfit on medical grounds was immediately demobilized, even if the problem was only temporary. This created a feeling of rejection among many soldiers and their families. The new law gives the soldiers the status of volunteers for the two-month period.

Cemeteries first

MK Micha Goldman (Labor), chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, yesterday demanded that ministries not approve plans for new communities unless a local cemetery has been budgeted for.

Rabbi Yitzhak Yaacobovitz, rabbi of the South Sharon Council, told the committee that, in some communities lacking a cemetery, such as Tzur Yigal, "The dead are held in mortuary freezers for a long time until a solution can be found concerning where they can be buried."

Police to act against election plasterers

Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk has promised MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) that the police is prepared to deal with the illegal plastering of electoral campaign material.

Poraz said that election slogans had been posted on electricity pylons and even from the wires. He said the problem has become widespread, because offenders do not believe they will be canght and prosecuted. He also called for deterrent fines.

Let youth visit Jordan

The Knesset Education Committee this week demanded that regulations regarding school trips abroad be changed to enable youth to visit Jordan.

Under the current regulations, all official delegations must be accompanied by General Security Service guards. Since the Jordanians do not allow armed GSS members into the country, the GSS will not approve the trips. School trips to Poland are accompanied by armed Israeli guards under an agreement with the Polish government.

The committee said it will meet with the GSS to try to solve the problem before the Hanukka vacation.

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Tender for the Design, Setting Up, Management and Running of a Hospital, Hotel, Staff Quarters, Commercial Premises, and a Nursing Hospital, in a special quarter of Ashdod
Tender No. 203/98/Yod Mem

The Israel Lands Administration and Ashdod Municipality invite bids for a project forming the subject of the above tender, the details of which, at the time of publishing this notice, are as follows:

Blocks	Part of Parcels	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Deposit NIS
2022 2023	1 10	3	70,000	2,500,000

The project is shown on Urban Building Plan 23/101/03/3.
The right is retained to accept any bid, and to reject all bids, including the highest.
The tender booklet will be provided, from November 2, 1998, against submission of a receipt for payment of NIS1,000 including VAT for each copy (cash only) into the Administration's account at the Postal Bank, No. 0-24180-0. The booklet may be obtained from the Administration's offices at 216 Rehov Yafo (6th floor) Jerusalem, Tel. 02-531 8888, during regular working hours.
When the tender booklet is requested, the purchasing company's name should provided, together with its address, phone number, fax number, and the name of the company's representative (and, as stated above, the receipt should be shown).
A bank guarantee or bank check for the amount given in the above table, should be attached to the bid.
A meeting of bidders will take place on November 25, 1998, at 10 a.m., in the meetings hall on the 5th floor of the Ashdod Municipality Building, 12 Rehov Habanim. After the meeting, there will be a site tour.
Last date for submitting bids: January 17, 1999 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box at the above address when it is opened at the above time, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.
This notice is for general information only, and nothing in it obligates the Administration in any way – not in regard to the text, nor in regard to dates mentioned. The Administration is bound only by the text of the tender booklet and its addenda.

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Swiss to issue gold report

BERN (AP) – The Swiss government said yesterday it will issue an easily readable summary of a report on the country's gold dealings with Nazi Germany to bring the study to "the widest cross-section of the population."

Meanwhile, in Vienna, the Austrian Evangelical Church acknowledged its role in the "suffering of Jews" through Austrian history and admired it shared responsibility for the Holocaust.

The Swiss cabinet said in a statement: "Reappraisal of Switzerland's history during the World War II era should not be left to a small circle of experts."

The 200-page study by an independent panel of historians, released in May, said the Swiss National Bank, the country's central bank, bought 1.2 billion Swiss francs (then $284 million) worth of gold from Germany during the war. That is about three-quarters of all the gold shipped by wartime Germany.

It also said that the bank received 119.5 kgs of gold melted down from the possessions of concentration camp victims. But the historians said they had no evidence the bank knew the source of that gold.

Surrounded by Germany and Nazi allies, neutral Switzerland needed increasing amounts of gold in the face of demand for the franc, the only internationally acceptable currency on the European continent.

Swiss authorities will be responsible for distributing the brochure, which will be printed in Switzerland's four official languages as well as in English.

In Austria, a statement adopted by the the Evangelical Church said that "with shame we declare that our church showed insensitivity for the fate of the Jews and uncounted others who were persecuted."

The church said such conduct during the Nazi era was particularly shameful because Protestants themselves had been victims of oppression during the Counter Reformation.

Yet the church as an institution turned its back on the murder of 6 million European Jews, including Austrian citizens, before the defeat of the Nazis in 1945.



MK Shevah Weiss (left) and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon sign the Unity Covenant yesterday, as (from left) Menahem Revivi, head of the United Jewish Federation in Israel, MK Ophir Pines and Knesset Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal look on. (Isaac Harari)

Unity Covenant binds North American Jews, Israelis

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

A Unity Covenant calling for mutual commitment and strengthening of ties between North American Jewry and Israel was signed yesterday in the Knesset by Speaker Dan Tichon, MKs, and leaders of the United Jewish Federation in Israel.

The event was the first of many taking place as part of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, which is taking place here for the first time, from November 16-19.

Despite the overall spirit of unity, there was still some minor disagreement, with Tichon and other MKs pointing out the lack of adequate mention of Jerusalem and Zionism in the covenant.

Discussions are under way about adding the line, "For the sake of Zion, I will not be silent," and possibly other items.

The covenant calls on Israeli and North American Jews to "rededicate ourselves to the spiritual and historic centrality of the State of Israel and to one another," but also speaks of "the building of dynamic Jewish communities that span the seas."

It also calls for "strengthening the links between us by creating personal relationships and active involvements that will serve to draw us closer to one another."

It speaks of "a common vision of caring for each other" and of "reaching out to Jews wherever they are and strengthening their connection to the Jewish people." It calls on both communities to dedicate themselves "to the ideals of Jewish unity and mutual respect; and of supporting those principles that have sustained our identity from the giving of the Torah until today."

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg hailed the signing, saying: "At a time of internal divisiveness among the Jewish people, and the increasing isolation of both Jews in Israel and those in the Diaspora communities, I view the signing of this covenant as a milestone in the relations between the Jews of North America and Israel."

Menachem Revivi, head of the United Jewish Federation in Israel, said that "all corners of the Knesset gathered around the covenant reaffirming the commitment toward a new relationship between Israel and North American Jews."

The covenant was created by North American Jewish leaders and the major political parties represented in the Knesset, according to a UJA Federations of North America spokesman. It will be signed by MKs, Israeli mayors, and leaders of the North American Jewish community during the General Assembly.

Israelis and Jews from around the world are invited to sign it at the GA web site, www.ga98.org.

NEWS *in brief*

West Bank waste polluting Nahal Alexander

Wastewater form olive presses in Nablus and Tulkarm is causing serious pollution to Nahal Alexander, resulting in the deaths of a large number of fish, according to the Environment Ministry. Much of the damage is in a section recently rehabilitated in a mutli-million shekel project and includes the area where water turtles lay their eggs.

Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen said attempts to reach an agreement with the Palestinian Authority on the organized removal of the wastewater have failed, even though the ministry offered to fund it. Ronen said she intends taking the matter up at the highest levels. *Liat Collins*

Pimp gets 36 months for 'selling' woman

Navizyon Azimazinov was sentenced by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday to two-and-a-half years in prison for smuggling a Tashkent woman into the country and selling her into prostitution.

An accomplice, Shlomo Briner, was given a suspended sentence of 15 months and fined NIS 15,000 for fraud and forgery associated with marrying the woman fictitiously in order to bring her to here. Azimazinov, of Bnei Brak, sold the woman for $5,000 to the Fantasia Institute of Beersheba, which demanded she repay them NIS 100,000 before she could work for herself. She eventually did and returned to Tashkent, but then came back to Israel to work for Azimazinov again, until filing a complaint against him for withholding wages. *Itim*

Vilna'i to head probe of violence

Minister of Education and Culture Yitzhak Levy yesterday appointed former deputy chief of general staff Matan Vilna'i as head of a public advisory committee to investigate violence among children and youth. At a press conference in Tel Aviv, Levy thanked Vilna'i for agreeing to take on the task and said Vilna'i had responded by saying he would "apply himself like a soldier to this vital mission."

Levy said the committee will compile statistics on the scope and types of violence during all stages of education. It will report its findings regularly. *Itim*

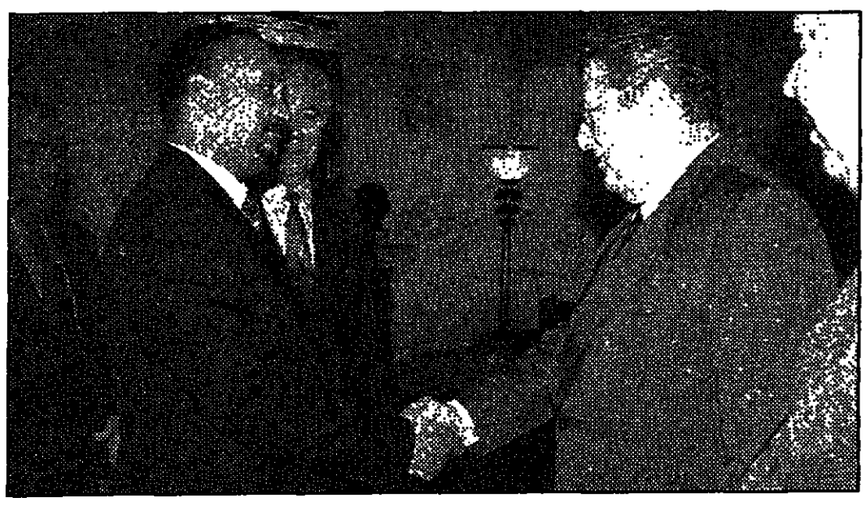
Ben-Gvir's fine voided

Jerusalem District Court yesterday partially accepted right-wing extremist Itamar Ben-Gvir's appeal against his sentence for violating an administrative order. Jerusalem Magistrate's Court had sentenced him to four months of probation and fined him NIS 4,000 for violating an order restricting him to Mevasseret Zion. The district court voided the fine, but let the probation stand. *Itim*

Late night planes grounded

As of tomorrow, planes will no longer take off from Ben-Gurion Airport between 2 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. In announcing the new regulations, Transportation Minister Shaul Yahalom said that the noise of planes taking off in the wee hours was disturbing to area residents. Yahalom said that limiting take-offs to more reasonable hours would reduce noise pollution and improve the quality of life.

The respite, however, will be brief. The new rules will not apply in 2000 so as not to interfere with the anticipated boom of incoming tourism said Yahalom. *Greer Fay Cashman*



Upgrading ties

Mauritanian Foreign Minister Sheikh el-Afia Wil'd Mohammed Khouna is welcomed to Jerusalem yesterday by Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur. Khouna met later with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to express the support of his country, a member of the Arab League, for the Wye accord. The visit is seen by Israel as indicating a possible thaw in relations with the Arab world. (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80)

Tender issued for Jerusalem master plan

By AMY KLEIN

A public tender for preparing a new Jerusalem master plan has been published by the Interior Ministry's planning bureau, the Israel Lands Authority and the Ministry of Housing.

"The Interior Minister sees this plan as the way to develop Jerusalem in an agreed manner for the year 2020," said a statement by the ministry spokesman's office.

Proposals can be submitted until December 17.

A planning committee will have two years to review the plan and ensure its approval in various committees.

Jerusalem has been without a master plan since 1959. Thus there is no blueprint including east Jerusalem, [illegible] was under Jordanian rule until 1967.

A spokeswoman from the Jerusalem municipality said it will collaborate on the new plan "at some stage." It is unclear how the plan will affect building permits and other projects which have already been approved, she said.

THE KNESSET

Memorial Session, November 1

On Sunday, November 1, the Knesset will hold a special session at 5 p.m., in memory of **Yitzhak Rabin,** former prime minister and minister of defense, marking the third anniversary of his assassination.

On this day, permanent Knesset passes will not be valid, from 2 p.m.

Entry to the Knesset will be restricted to those with invitations.

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TENDERS

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The Israel Electric Corporation invites bids for the supply of the following goods/services:

Tender No. 677585
Subject: Contract for the supply of silicone compound to be sprayed on insulators
Stage of submission of technical/commercial data without prices
Quantity: 15,600 kg.
Preconditions for participation in tender:
(a) The color of the material must be white.
(b) The material must not contain trichlorethane
(c) Bidders must supply manufacturer's test reports
(d) Letters of recommendation from users of the material must be attached.

The obligations and rights provided by the agreement will apply for a period of two years, with an option to extend for one further year.
Cost of tender documents NIS 1,930 (inc. VAT)
Last date for submitting bids: November 29, 1998, at 11 a.m.
Additional participation pre-conditions:
A. Participation in the tender is also subject to complying with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e., registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for transactions with public bodies).
B. The Israel Electric Corporation reserves the right to allow a bidder who has not provided some required relevant documents, permits, licenses, etc. to submit them within a time that will be set by the Corporation.

The tender documents may be obtained Sunday - Thursday, at the Market Research and Tenders Department, 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment for the documents (non-returnable) into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address by calling 04-868 7455/4.
Before purchasing the tender documents, potential bidders may peruse them, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at the above offices or at the Sales Department, 90 Rehov Yigal Allon, Tel Aviv, Ashdar Building, entrance C, 1st floor, Tel. 03-565-4679, 03-565-4641. (An appointment to peruse the documents must be made beforehand, with the Sales Department.)
Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and be placed in Tender Box No. 1 in the Pal-Yam Building, Haifa (address as above) not later than 11 a.m. on the last date for submitting bids, as stated above.
Bids may NOT be submitted at the offices of the Israel Electric Corporation in Tel Aviv.
No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.
NOTE. In appropriate cases, the Electric Corporation will give preference to suppliers, in accordance with the Tenders Regulations (Preference for Locally Produced Goods, and Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation).
The Electric Corporation reserves the right to negotiate, where this is legally permissible.
The tender documents may be read on the IEC's Internet site: WWW.ISRAEL-ELECTRIC.CO.IL.

תנומים על שירות טוב יותר

Ports & Railways Authority
Israel Railway

Tender No. PR/IG/08/98
For the Supply of Various Types of Turnouts for Standard Gauge Rail Tracks

1. The Ports and Railways Authority - Israel (hereinafter "the I.R."), in accordance with its obligations in regard to tendering procedures under the International Agreement on Government Procurement GATT, and according to the Israeli Tender Law, wishes to obtain bids for:
   A long term Agreement of 3 years, for the Supply of Various types of turnouts, as specified in the Tender Documents, for standard gauge rail tracks (hereinafter: the Works);
   Plus an option for the supply of such turnouts, for an additional period of 3 years (hereinafter: the Option).
2. Scope of Work
   The works required are specified in the Tender Documents and include, inter alia, the following:
   2.1 The manufacture and supply of various types of turnouts, as specified in the Tender Documents, for standard gauge rail tracks, according to the following main terms:
   2.1.1 The supply of the Works throughout a frame Contract, for a period of three (3) years. Each supply shall be made against a specific order issued by the IR.
   The estimation of total purchases for the Contract Period is about 200 turnouts (estimation only, with no commitment).
   2.1.2 The turnouts to be purchased shall contain a frog of one of the two following types, according to the IR's needs, at the time:
   Type A: Manganese Steel Frog.
   Type B: Frog made of Standard Rail Steel.
   2.2 An option for the renewal of turnouts, having a type B frog, including the visit of a specialized welders team in Israel and the on-track performance of fill welds, grinding and polishing of the frog.
   The Frog Renewal price (per frog type B), shall be classified according to the number of frogs renewed by the team during each visit.
   2.3 Option, at the IR sole discretion, for the extension of the Contract, for a period of three (3) years, for additional supply of the Works.
   2.4 Commitments by the Tenderer to supply spare parts for all turnouts supplied by it, for a period of 20 years, for each turnout supplied (including options and extensions).
3. Pre-requisites for participation in the Tender
   3.1 The Tenderer must be a manufacturer of turnouts or a proven authorized representative appointed by the original manufacturer.
   In any case, it is hereby emphasized, that the full responsibility and guarantee for the Works supplied, and their delivery, shall be borne exclusively by the manufacturer.
   3.2 The manufacturer must have proven experience of at least ten (10) years in the manufacture and supply of the Works, as required in this Tender.
   3.3 The manufacturer must be certified for Quality Control system in accordance with the ISO 9001 (or equivalent) standard.
   3.4 The manufacturer must have resources and working procedures allowing the performance of the Works in compliance with the U.I.C. standards.
   3.5 The manufacturer has ongoing design and manufacturing divisions and facilities.
   3.6 To secure the validity of his proposal, the Tenderer shall submit a financial bank guarantee from a First Class Bank of financial institution, to the order of the IR, for the amount of 50,000 USD, valid until June 26th, 1999.

Note: Failure to comply in full with the said requirement of financial guarantee, may cause the disqualification of the proposal.

The Tenderer must provide all documents and/or certificates required to prove his compliance with the Pre-requisites.

4. The deadline for submitting Proposals is December 22nd, 1998 at 15:00 hours.
   The address for submitting Proposals:
   Israel Railways, Tel-Aviv Central Railway Station, Contracting Department - Room 20, P.O.B. 18085, Tel-Aviv 61180, Israel
5. The Contractor (the tenderer to whom the Contract shall be awarded) will be required to commit itself to an Industrial Commercial Cooperation undertaking and, if applicable, an Offset Procurement, on the terms contained in this Tender.
6. All documents submitted in this Tender must be in English.
7. The IR shall not be bound to accept the lowest-priced Proposal and/or any other Proposal whatsoever.
8. The IR reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to conduct negotiation on the final technical and commercial terms, with those Tenderers that shall be found suitable.
9. The IR does not undertake herein any commitment whatsoever, to execute the acquisition of the Works and/or to enter into a contract with any of the Tenderers.
10. Tender Documents are available upon payment (not refundable) of 1000 NIS including VAT, to the order of "Ports and Railways Authority - Israel Railways", at the address detailed in article 4 above, from November 1st, 1998.

Arabs must face the results of Wye

The Region



Barry Rubin

Now that the peace process is moving forward again, how will the Arab states respond?

Last year's Arab League meeting urged its members to freeze normalization of relations with Israel. With Israel-Palestinian negotiations thawed, this policy should also be reconsidered.

Arab regimes, particularly given the theatrics around the Wye Plantation meeting, were caught off guard by its success. They weren't the only ones surprised. While on a lecture tour in England for the BESA Center for Strategic Studies as the Wye talks went on, colleagues and I constantly reiterated our belief that the two sides would reach an agreement. We were ridiculed for being too optimistic by a wide range of experts, journalists, and visitors from other Middle East countries.

Two years ago, I had precisely the same experience in Canada, where I was just before the Hebron Accord was reached. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, we were told, was incapable of making a deal. And anyway, hadn't we heard that the peace process was dead?

In light of such attitudes, one cannot repeat too often the most important single point to be made about the Israel-Palestinian peace process: Nobody is walking away from it.

Despite 21 months without progress (between the January 1997 Hebron Agreement and this month's Wye Memorandum) neither side abandoned the negotiating framework established by the Oslo Accords.

This is true because both sides need this process. Nobody has any attractive alternative. Moreover, whoever quits first would be blamed for the process's failure, and any subsequent violence.

If Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat abandoned the accords, he would lose all the gains made by Palestinians in the last five years. He would also be admitting the failure of his strategy, which would destroy his credibility and probably mean the end of his leadership. Indeed, if a real confrontation ensued, it could easily end with Arafat and the entire PA hierarchy having to flee the territories.

Similarly, if Netanyahu were to give up it would be an admission that he could not provide peace with security. He would probably need to begin scanning the newspapers for want ads for furniture salesmen, as his reelection prospects would be very dim.

Israel's foreign relations, especially with the US would sink to a new low, too.

The Arab states, however, don't necessarily subscribe to this analysis.

Of course, anything having to do with the CIA makes Arab regimes nervous. And in Cairo it was certainly noticed with some irritation that Egypt – unlike Jordan – played no direct role in the negotiations.

So their first line of defense could be to say that the new agreement will not be implemented anyway and therefore they don't have to do anything different. Yet if there really are further redeployments by Israel, does this mean that the freeze will also be lifted? There was, after all, some progress on this front after the Hebron Agreement was signed.

Israel is wasting no time in checking out the situation's possibilities. On a bilateral level, it will explore whether any of a half-dozen Arab states are ready to start moving again on improving relations, discussing trade deals, and other such issues.

The US has also been asked to help encourage Arab countries, especially Saudi Arabia, to ease relations. After all, showing Israel that concessions to the Palestinians yield some "fruits of peace" is a great way to encourage more compromises in the future.

THE CLINTON administration, however, never quite seems to understand this point, or at least doesn't want to exert much energy in that direction. Using American leverage to push Arab states toward a rapprochement with Israel is a lower priority than, for example, trying to get them to support US efforts to maintain the sanctions on Iraq.

King Hussein's noble effort to help break impasses in the Wye negotiations is a sign that Israeli-Jordanian relations will be further strengthened. One of the few bright spots his new subordinates can find in the appointment of Ariel Sharon as foreign minister is that he is committed to working hard on this issue.

It's intriguing that Sharon, previously the main promoter of the idea to turn Jordan into a PLO-ruled state rather than give up the territories, has now become that country's advocate in the Netanyahu government.

Ironically, the PA also needs some help in obtaining some "fruits of peace."

May 4, 1999 is a date usually cited in connection with Arafat's notice of his intention to declare an independent state. But it will also mark the end of the commitment by several dozen countries to fund the PA.

And even though the US is planning a new donors' conference to raise money, it should be recalled that the amount of money pledged by all Arab states and institutions during the first five years of the process was less than that pledged by Norway alone.

For the time being, Arab regimes will wait until implementation of the Wye agreement actually begins. But they had better start thinking about what they will do if Israel delivers on its promises.



Anti-Pinochet demonstrators – one of them holding a photo of one of the missing – protest outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Monday as legal moves to free the former Chilean leader got under way. (AP)

'I want justice, not revenge,' says Allende's daughter

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

SANTIAGO, Chile – The arrest of Gen. Augusto Pinochet in England has given immense satisfaction to the daughter of the man he ousted as president of Chile.

Isabel Allende was 28 on September 11, 1973, when her father, Salvador Allende, died – reportedly by his own hand – as military forces led by Pinochet seized La Moneda, the seat of government in Santiago.

For socialists around the world, Allende became a martyr. For his opponents, he represented a political and economic sickness for which Pinochet was the cure.

After 15 years in exile in Mexico, Isabel Allende returned to Chile in 1988. Like her father, she, too, has become a symbol – for all those who suffered during the Pinochet years. For the past five years, she has served as a Socialist Party deputy in congress.

In the past few days, she has been a leading advocate for Pinochet's arrest and trial.

"We were very happy to hear about his arrest," said Allende, speaking on behalf of her family and supporters. "His victims have been so humiliated for so long. This gives us all a lot of hope."

Last month, she attended the Labor Party conference in Blackpool, where she met Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"He told me he thought my father was a hero – a great man," she said.

Her meeting with Blair provided ammunition for Pinochet's supporters, who believe the arrest is politically motivated.

"That is nonsense," she said. "I did not know when I went to Britain that Pinochet was going to be arrested."

ALLENDE, an intense, elegant woman, lives in the home in which she grew up and where her family lived until her father was elected president in 1970.

On the day of the coup, her family, including her father, were offered a flight out of Chile by Pinochet. But they feared they would be pushed out of the aircraft as it flew – a favorite trick of the secret police.

Many in Chile assumed that Salvador Allende did not take his life but was killed by Pinochet's forces. His daughter does not believe that.

"My father killed himself because he could not face the humiliation," she said. "He stayed in La Moneda until the last minute and became a symbol of resistance, hope and dignity." The Allendes took refuge in the Mexican Embassy and then went into exile. In 1988, when Pinochet began Chile's transition to democracy, Miss Allende returned.

"For 25 years, it has not been possible to see Pinochet punished for what he did," she said. "For all these years, he was insensitive to the families of the murdered and the disappeared.

"When we talked about human rights, he said, 'What are they?' When we found several sets of remains in one grave at the general cemetery, he said, 'That's an economy.' For all those people who have suffered a lot, it is important to see justice."

She has little time for those on the political Right who argue that Pinochet's arrest threatens Chile's democracy.

"I understand that there is more tension, more polarization, in Chile," she said. "But we have to accept that this is a judicial matter, and I respect the fairness and autonomy of the British judicial system... If the Right continues to say that violence will come, I tell them they will be responsible for it if it does come."

MISS Allende's brand of socialism is very different from that practiced by her father. Under Salvador Allende, congress was virtually bypassed, as a massive program of nationalization and income redistribution was implemented through the courts.

Allende's socialist dream became a nightmare for most Chileans as hyper-inflation and serious shortages crippled the country.

On her visit to Blackpool, she picked up the works of Anthony Giddens, Blair's favorite political theorist, and has become impressed by the so-called Third Way.

"I believe in giving people the tools to become integrated in society through education and health, creating autonomous people," she said.

She is not wholly dismissive of Pinochet's achievement in building up Chile from the rubble of 1973 into an economic and social model for the rest of South America. But she disputes the notion that Pinochet's crimes were a necessary evil.

"Was it really necessary to have state terrorism in order to restructure the economy? I would have preferred to have done it perhaps more slowly, through political parties, with trade unions, with human rights respected."

Miss Allende says it is important for Chile as a democracy to come to terms with the crimes of the Pinochet years.

"Most people in Chile feel no trust for the judicial system here. This is not good for our democratic future."

She believes Pinochet's arrest in Britain may go some way to helping Chile adopt a different attitude to the years of his rule. She would like to see justice – rather than denial – over the crimes of that era.

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S. African truth probe cuts De Klerk criticism

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – Former president F.W. de Klerk yesterday won the first round of a fight to clear his name of allegations from the apartheid era, as a section on him was cut from South Africa's historic Truth Commission report.

"We have instructed our printers to excise the contemplated finding on Mr. De Klerk from the copy of the report that will be handed to the president tomorrow," Truth Commission head Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in a statement.

Armed with the decision, De Klerk's lawyers agreed to postpone a bid in the Cape Town High Court to stop publication of the report, which had said that the president knew of apartheid atrocities, but hid his knowledge.

The case to permanently erase the findings on De Klerk, who stoutly denies them, will now be heard on March 4.

"We have not removed it permanently. It is going to be contested in court. That is how strongly we feel," Tutu later told reporters. "We are willing to fight this matter quite vigorously."

Dave Steward, spokesman for De Klerk, who is due to arrive back from London today, said the former president was happy at the decisions and was confident he would also win on his day in court.

"He has achieved his primary purpose of preventing the commission of including any of its findings against him in its final report," Steward said. "He is confident... that this matter will be resolved to his full satisfaction."

Tutu said the decision to cut the findings on De Klerk had been taken reluctantly after the commission's lawyers had said they needed far more time to prepare their case.

De Klerk's affidavit to the court said not only did he find out about the apartheid atrocities long after they happened, but that he had never tried to conceal his knowledge.

"I know of no fact or consideration which would justify any of the intended findings against me," it said.

Media leaks earlier this week revealed that the ruling African National Congress (ANC) had also been castigated in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report for killings and torture, much to the anger of the former liberation movement.

Commentators noted that as everyone seemed equally unhappy with the expected findings of the commission, it would appear to have done its work even-handedly.

De Klerk said he had not tried to conceal that former law and order minister Adrian Vlok and former police commissioner Johan van der Merwe told him of their intention to apply for amnesty for their involvement in the 1980s bombings of two offices belonging to anti-apartheid unions and church groups.

"I cannot be held morally accountable for matters which were brought to my attention long after they occurred," the affidavit said. "In view of everything I did to uncover unlawful conduct by members of the security forces and to prevent it, I am particularly offended by this absurd suggestion."

De Klerk, who renounced apartheid in 1990 and shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with President Nelson Mandela, has repeatedly denied he was party to any decision to kill foes of apartheid and has not applied for amnesty from the commission, laying himself open to prosecution if the truth commission so recommends.

He said he had not been given a fair hearing, as allegations contained in the commission's report had not been put to him during his appearance before the body, and said any negative findings would seriously harm him.

"It will irreparably damage my reputation and standing as an elder statesman, internationally regarded as a champion of the peaceful resolution of intractable disputes," he said.

Established after historic 1994 all-race elections, the commission has heard over 20,000 statements from human rights victims and received more than 7,000 applications for amnesty.



Britain's Prince Andrew (left) and Argentine President Carlos Menem clasp hands on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday in London. (AP)

Menem lays Falklands wreath in Britain

LONDON (Reuters) – Argentine President Carlos Menem yesterday laid a wreath to British victims of the Falklands War and lunched with Queen Elizabeth on the first full day of a visit designed to promote reconciliation.

First, in an act which once would have been unthinkable, he paid tribute to the 252 British soldiers who died in the 1982 war over the remote South Atlantic islands.

Menem placed a wreath of blue and white flowers – the Argentine national colors – at the foot of the black marble memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral to Britain's Falklands dead.

After a simple 15-minute ceremony designed to mark a new era in relations, he shook the hand of Prince Andrew, the queen's second son. The prince served as a combat helicopter pilot in the 10-week war.

Menem, the first Argentine leader to visit London since 1960, was then driven to Buckingham Palace for a private lunch with the queen.

Later in the day, he was due to give a keynote speech on Anglo-Argentine relations.

One notable absentee at the memorial ceremony was Margaret Thatcher, the British prime minister in 1982. She was in the US on a private trip.

Menem, watched by Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and a small group of military chiefs and veterans from both sides, stood quietly to attention for most of the ceremony.

As a single trumpeter played "The Last Post," Menem's daughter Zulema dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief.

Britain has made clear there will be no negotiations on sovereignty over the South Atlantic islands during Menem's trip, which is also designed to boost already healthy economic ties.

Menem told a meeting of British business executives earlier yesterday that today's Argentina was very different from the one that fought Britain in 1982.

"If we see our relations with a wide scope, we can continue to strengthen them and start a constructive and imaginative search for a way to solve creatively the problems in the Malvinas Islands," he said.

Efforts to draw a line under the Falklands War, in which 750 Argentines died, partly backfired last week amid controversy over comments by Menem that were published in the *Sun* newspaper.

Menem voiced deep regret over the conflict but objected to the *Sun*'s headline, "Argentina says we're sorry for Falklands." He denied apologizing for the war.

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Nixon panelist: Clinton shouldn't be impeached

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) – Former Rep. (Dem.) Peter Rodino, who presided over the impeachment hearings that led to president Richard Nixon's resignation, says there isn't enough evidence so far to warrant removing President Bill Clinton from office. The allegations stemming from Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky do not constitute "high crimes and misdemeanors," Rodino said Tuesday, *The Star-Ledger* of Newark reported. Rodino, 89, said that if no other evidence is released, "I would say that this does not rise to that level where we have to consider it to be a ground to remove from office the president of the United States."

Pinochet wins ruling but stays in custody

LONDON (Reuters) – The High Court yesterday quashed warrants under which British police arrested former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet pending a Spanish extradition request. The court ruled that Pinochet is immune from arrest, but said that he should stay in detention pending an appeal. The judgment was announced in open court.

The case could go all the way to the House of Lords, the upper chamber of Parliament and the highest court in the land.

Pinochet was arrested at the request of Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon, who wants him extradited to stand trial for genocide and torture of Spanish citizens during his 17 years as Chile's military ruler from 1973-1990.

Top US official to discuss Angola peace

LUANDA, Angola (AP) – The State Department's top Africa official arrived in Luanda yesterday on a three-day visit to discuss the stymied peace process and Angola's role in the civil war in neighboring Congo.

Susan Rice, US assistant secretary of state for Africa, was accompanied by President Bill Clinton's special assistant Gayle Smith and his special envoy to the Great Lakes region of Africa, Howard Wolpe. It was not clear whether they would meet with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos before they left tomorrow for other countries in the region. The US officials were not expected to meet with representatives from the former rebel group UNITA, which waged a two-decade civil war with the government before signing a 1994 peace pact. However, they will hold talks with dissidents who recently split with UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi, a US diplomat in Luanda said.

NASA hopes to break Glenn's launch delay jinx

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (Reuters) – With a perfect weather forecast and no significant technical trouble to worry about, NASA officials said yesterday they are hoping to get John Glenn's return trip to space off the launch pad on time – unlike his first space mission, which was delayed by months.

The 77-year-old outgoing senator from Ohio, who made history in 1962 by becoming America's first man in orbit, and six other astronauts are due to blast off aboard the space shuttle Discovery at 2 p.m. EST today on a mission that will include research into aging. Thirty-six years ago, it took the launch team nearly two months to fire off the Atlas rocket that carried Glenn into orbit. Most of the delays were due to adverse weather, recalled Tom O'Malley, who was in charge of pushing the button for liftoff. "We started in December to launch that vehicle. We must have tried a dozen times," he said.

Daredevil plunges 61 stories off building

NEW YORK (AP) – A Norwegian parachutist jumped from the 61st floor of the Chrysler Building on Tuesday, three days after he leaped from the 86th-floor observation deck of the Empire State Building. The 32-year-old daredevil was identified by the Oslo newspaper *Dagbladet* as Thor Alex Kappfjell, an offshore oil worker. He said he wanted to jump from the 110-story twin towers of the World Trade Center, the city's tallest buildings, but security was too tight. He claims to have made 210 jumps from mountains and buildings, including the Eiffel Tower.

NATO keeps eye on Serb pullback

By TOM COHEN

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) – Having deferred airstrikes for the moment, NATO yesterday revealed plans for more spy plane flights to make sure President Slobodan Milosevic continues to withdraw forces from Kosovo and allows tens of thousands of refugees to return home.

A senior NATO general, Klaus Naumann of Germany, said the withdrawal of Serb forces was not complete, but so far it represented a "considerable step in the direction of fulfilling the demands."

With Yugoslav forces drawing back, the Western military alliance did not set any new deadlines for airstrikes after the previous one expired Tuesday.

That was a bitter disappointment to Kosovo's ethnic Albanian politicians, who had been hoping that NATO would deliver a devastating blow to the Yugoslav war machine.

"Milosevic has known all along that NATO would not be bombing, that he would be getting away with what he and his military police have been doing here in Kosovo," Muhamet Hamiti of the League of Democratic Kosovo said.

But by warning that the threat of attack remains, NATO hoped to guarantee the safety of ethnic Albanian refugees, who are terrified of returning home unless government troops and Serb police are held back.

It was unclear how many refugees were returning home yesterday. There "has been some movement, but at the same time the people are still apprehensive," UN refugee agency spokesman Kris Janowski said in Geneva.

Janowski said men in some areas were returning to check the condition of homes abandoned during the fighting, but it was unclear whether most felt it was safe to bring back their wives and children.

To back up its demands, NATO decided to keep more than 400 warplanes on alert. The US Navy announced at its Mediterranean headquarters in Italy that American P-3C Orion surveillance will begin regular flights over Kosovo on Sunday.

The planes can fly for 10-12 hours without refueling and will help monitor the situation day and night, regardless of the weather. The Navy said it conducted a few such flights around the time of the first NATO deadline on Oct. 17.

Yeltsin seen as losing day-to-day control of Russia

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Boris Yeltsin, looking more isolated than ever, underwent a second day of sanatorium treatment for exhaustion yesterday and one of his top aides said the president no longer had day-to-day control of Russia.

The Kremlin said the 67-year-old leader, who has a history of poor health and had heart bypass surgery two years ago, was still at the Barvikha medical center west of Moscow, and plans for a holiday to recuperate further had yet to be finalized.

"He's receiving the same kind of treatment you'd receive in any sanatorium," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin told Itar-Tass news agency. "Everything is going according to plan."

That phrase may well ring hollow to many, not least because Kremlin officials had said Yeltsin would probably leave Moscow for a holiday yesterday. Kremlin sources now say doctors have yet to decide but are toying with the idea of sending him to the balmier climes of the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi.

While Yeltsin recovers from what doctors say is asthenia – fatigue and high blood pressure – stemming from an earlier bout of bronchitis, opposition figures and allies have become more outspoken about his plight at a time of deep economic crisis.

For many, including Kremlin staff, the preoccupation seems to be to ensure an orderly transition.

"The government is now fully responsible for the economy," Deputy Kremlin Chief of Staff Oleg Sysuyev said in an interview published in the daily newspaper *Sevodnya*.

"The most important task for the president is to turn over stable power to his successor. He no longer has the right to be distracted by day-to-day issues." He said Yeltsin would serve out his elected term to mid-2000 overseeing constitutional reform in the world's largest country.

Russia's constitution was made to order for Yeltsin in 1993 after parliament attempted a rebellion, and guarantees the president extremely broad powers.

Although Yeltsin's grip on the executive may be slipping, he still jealously guards his control over Russia's nuclear arsenal and the so-called power ministers: defense, foreign affairs, the interior and the intelligence services.

Yevgeny Primakov, a former foreign minister and spy chief, has already amassed considerable influence since being made premier six weeks ago

He deputized for Yeltsin at talks with the European Union in Vienna and is openly described in the Russian media as an effective vice-president.

If Yeltsin were to die in office or step down early, Primakov would stand in for three months, ahead of an election.

Mystery hangs over resignation of British politician

LONDON (Reuters) – British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government yesterday distanced itself from a cabinet minister who resigned after a bizarre incident in a London park, but left key questions about his case unanswered.

Welsh Secretary Ron Davies quit suddenly on Tuesday, saying he had embarrassed the government by becoming the innocent victim of a crime when he was attacked and robbed by a man he befriended while out for a late-night walk near his London home.

Leading government troubleshooter Jack Cunningham acknowledged in a BBC radio interview that mystery still surrounds the incident.

"Exactly what circumstances led Ron into these difficulties is not clear," he said. "It's obvious he was the victim of a crime."

Seeking to calm a torrent of newspaper speculation, Blair's spokesman told journalists there was "no evidence of any gay link or drugs link" in the incident, which he acknowledged was bizarre.

"There are no salient facts in our possession that are not in yours," he insisted, declining to give any further details of the 45-minute conversation Davies had with Blair on Tuesday morning when he offered his resignation.

"It was not a sensible way for a cabinet minister to behave;" the spokesman said, pointing to Davies' own account of how he ended up driving through South London in his own car with three complete strangers. But he hinted that even Blair may not have been told the full story, acknowledging that the prime minister "was left asking why" Davies acted as he did.

"Ron is adamant there is nothing further to give," he added. "He said he was going to go for a meal with these people."

Cunningham, secretary of state at the Cabinet Office, described the conversation between Davies and Blair on Tuesday, at which he was not present, as "very personal, emotional and difficult."



Welsh Secretary Ron Davies (Reuters)

Davies' political future in Wales continues to hang in the balance with both Cunningham and Blair's spokesman insisting this is a matter for the ex-minister himself and the Welsh Labor Party.

Asked whether Davies should give more details of what happened, Cunningham replied: "He had a pretty difficult day. It's not for me to say he should do more interviews."

Blair's spokesman said Davies "is entitled to have a day or two to take stock and talk to his family" before addressing the issue.

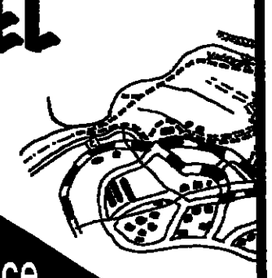
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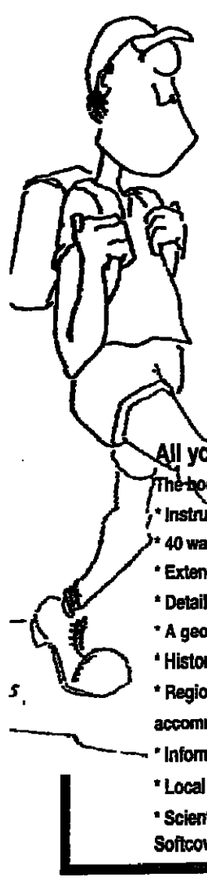
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Revolt in Congo had multi-ethnic genesis

Ethnic tensions within the Congolese army played a large role in that country's August rebellion, Lynne Duke reports

GOMA, Congo — When Congo's civil war broke out nearly three months ago, embattled President Laurent Kabila immediately proclaimed it an act of aggression from Rwanda and Uganda.

Kabila denied that the rebellion had any home-grown roots, and he whipped up deep-seated ethnic enmity among Congolese who believe that Rwandan and Congolese ethnic Tutsis want to control their country.

But although there is strong evidence of involvement by the Tutsis of both countries, many of those who revolted August 2 were from Kabila's 20,000-member, multi-ethnic 20th Army Brigade, in which there are few Tutsi members, rebel leaders here said.

Further, when fighting broke out in the capital city, Kinshasa, that same day, it involved Tutsis as well as a large contingent of Kabila's non-Tutsi *cadogo* — Swahili slang for "boy soldiers" — who had grown disgruntled with Kabila.

Rebel leaders paint a vastly more complex picture of the revolt than what has been put forward by Kabila and some in the international community. While Rwandan and Congolese Tutsi interests are a key factor in the rebellion, rebel leaders say an array of other political and ethnic parties also are involved.

They describe an insurrection that sprang from a chaotic, disgruntled and ethnically riven military in which several competing factions found common cause against Kabila as he allegedly began favoring his own Balubakat tribe within the army.

"He has created tribalism and division," said Sylvain Mbuchi, a senior rebel commander in Goma, a city in eastern Congo on the border with Rwanda.

KABILA'S government denies these allegations, but the Congolese military has long been divided.

After Kabila took power in May 1997 with the overthrow of dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, he had, in effect, four military factions to integrate: the *cadogo* youth recruits — some of them mere boys — who had marched across the country to oust Mobutu; troops from southern Katanga province, including Katangese gendarmes once in exile in Angola; the soldiers of Mobutu's army, known as the ex-FAZ; and Congolese Tutsis from the Kivu provinces in the east, people colloquially known as the Banyamulenge and centered in the southern Kivu town of Bukavu.

Complicating matters further were the Rwandans. Following Kabila's rise to power with Rwandan backing, the two countries agreed that hundreds of Rwanda's Tutsi troops would stay in Congo to help discipline and organize Kabila's new army.

Rwanda also was keen to monitor the progress of its new protege, and some officials in Kinshasa say Rwanda, as well as Uganda, was trying to control Kabila.

Those East African power brokers had hoped that a strong Congolese army would enhance their security by stopping the cross-border movements of rebel groups. This was an especially sharp concern for Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated government, which continued to face cross-border raids from Rwandan Hutu extremists who perpetrated the 1994 genocide of more than 500,000 Rwandan Tutsis.

Instead, Kabila began warming up to the extremists, known as the Interahamwe, even recruiting them, according to Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, the rebels' political chairman.

"The Interahamwe are fought by the whole world," Mbuchi said. "Elsewhere, in other countries, they arrest them and send them to Arusha."

THE Tanzanian city of Arusha is the location of the International War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda, where perpetrators of the 1994 genocide are being prosecuted. Kabila officials have denied that they recruited Interahamwe.

Kabila's faction-ridden army also grew increasingly unwieldy and chaotic. Kabila exacerbated the situation by playing favorites, rebels and analysts say.

He began packing the military command, especially his presidential guard, with people from his own Balubakat tribe, or with ethnic Lubas from Katanga province. These moves eroded his support among elements of the military's other competing factions — the ex-FAZ, the cadogo and the Tutsis.

Mbuchi, the rebel army's chief of intelligence and security, is a Balubakat, but he says he came to realize that Kabila's ethnic machinations would set up the same spiral of ethnic acrimony that characterized Mobutu's rule.

"When you say I am ex-FAZ, and another one says I am a Katangese gendarme and another one says I am Munyamulenge, the division comes in," he said. "It's better for us to say we are Congolese military."

The revolt is led by the 20th Brigade's commander, Jean-Pierre Ondekane, an ex-FAZ officer from Mobutu's home province, Equateur. The second in command is from the central region known as the Kasai.

Kabila officials believe that James Kabarebe, a Rwandan commander also known as James Kabari, led the rebels' failed August offensive against Kinshasa, in western Congo, and remains a key rebel leader.

Rebels claim to have seized more than a third of Congolese territory and that they are pressing toward the diamond mining center at Mbuji Mayi. Control of that south-central crossroads could allow the rebels to cut off the southern region of Katanga from the rest of the country.

Kabila and his Zimbabwean allies are reportedly amassing troops and weaponry around Mbuji Mayi as well as in Katanga, though regional diplomats are attempting to broker a cease-fire in several rounds of talks being held this week.

THE anti-Kabila revolt was brewing for months, officials here say, as each military faction grew increasingly on edge in expectation of an imminent outbreak of fighting.

The *cadogo* grew restless when Kabila put the Katangese in charge of the presidential guard, a former preserve of the cadogo. Kabila tried to quell the dissent by arresting *cadogo* commanders, Wamba said. Banyamulenge troops also were being harassed and arrested, Karaha said.

Concern mounted in late July when Kabila announced that he was expelling the Rwandan soldiers and giving them a few days to leave the country. In eastern Congo, meanwhile, restlessness also was brewing.

Many troops of the 20th Brigade had wanted to revolt against Kabila for several months, Mbuchi said, but were afraid to do so because they assumed Rwanda would move against them.

With the Rwandan expulsion and the clear breach with Kabila, the 20th Brigade knew that Rwanda would not come rushing to Kabila's defense.

On the contrary, Rwanda sent troops back into Congo, but this time to bolster the anti-Kabila rebellion.

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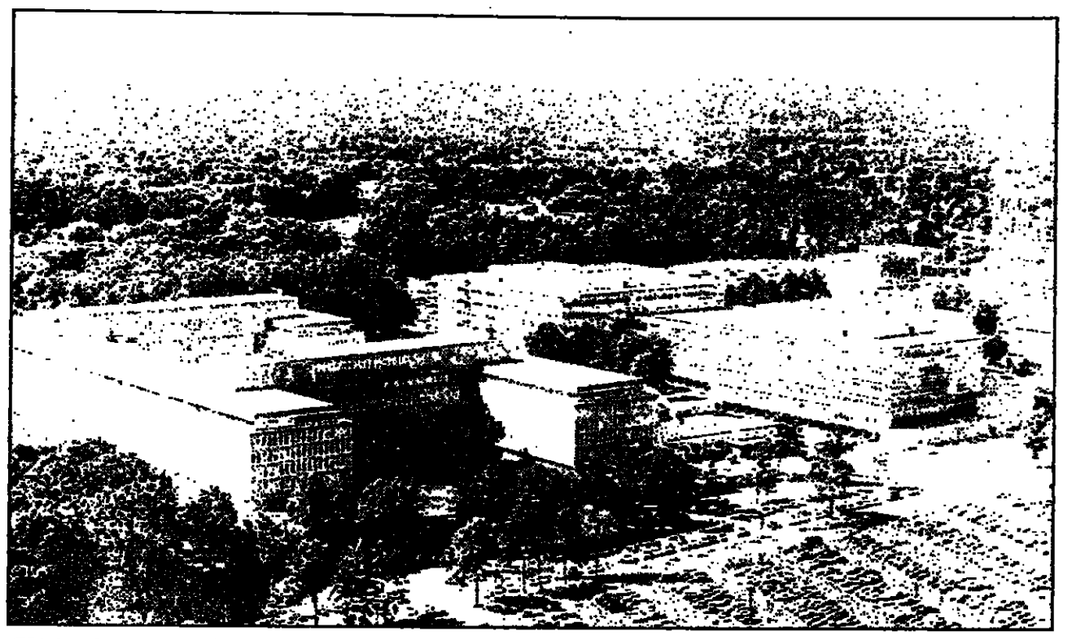
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The man who edits the CIA's secrets

By Vernon Loeb



CIA headquarters at Langley, Virginia (UPPA)

John Hollister Hedley sits behind a desk at the Central Intelligence Agency piled high with spy novels and memoirs by former agents and officials, a thick manuscript open before him. He hates to be called a censor, but it's his job to decide how far the CIA will go in revealing its inner workings to the outside world.

He is the man who edits the secrets.

He has rejected an entire manuscript by an ex-agent whose career-long cover assignment was deemed too sensitive to reveal. He has deleted references to classified electronic intercept capabilities. He has even redacted information from a CIA cookbook of exotic recipes collected all over the world by operatives and their spouses.

But Hedley has distinguished himself as chairman of the CIA's publications review board over the past three years not so much for what he's taken out, but for what he's left in. He has helped establish new standards of openness that have allowed former spies, analysts and agency officials to go further than ever before in describing their clandestine careers.

"I think we need to open up, and I think we can have it both ways," said Hedley, 64, three months away from retirement after 30 years inside the agency's Directorate of Intelligence. "I do not think you endanger the protection of that which needs to be protected while you open up and are much more transparent than we've been, in terms of what kind of people we are, and what we do, and how we do it." A gradual move toward openness had begun even before Hedley took over the five-member panel that decides what all current and former employees can and cannot publish about the CIA. Thanks to the gradual thaw, business is booming.

The board has reviewed 18,000 manuscript pages and 300 works of fact, fiction and opinion in each of the past two years, a 43 percent increase over submissions handled five years ago.

Journalists and other outside authors are free to publish whatever they can uncover about the CIA's inner workings without restriction.

But agency personnel must sign secrecy agreements that are legal commitments not to publish anything during or after their time at the agency without official permission.

The review board does not have authority to declassify information.

Pre-publication review typically involves judgment calls about the intellectual property of an author – recollections, impressions, narrative details. When such accounts deal with a previously undisclosed covert operation, as often happens, the board must weigh whether publication would damage the agency's sources and methods of intelligence gathering, which are protected by law.

"These people," Hedley said, "have a right to write." Such pronouncements provoke skepticism from critics on opposite sides of the openness debate. Some traditionalists inside the agency see the recent deluge of spy-and-tell accounts as heresy and think Hedley and others are leading the CIA to ruin. Agency dissidents on the outside who've been through the wars with the review board say the CIA pays lip service to openness but plays hardball with authors whose work is critical.

Take the case of Frank Snepp, a former CIA analyst who refused to submit his 1977 book on the fall of Saigon, *Decent Interval*, to the agency.

Snepp said in a recent interview he bypassed the board because he considered the pre-publication review process to be "completely corrupt." Once the book came out, the agency sued him in an attempt to obtain all profits and then fought his appeals to the Supreme Court. The CIA ultimately won, confiscating more than $200,000 in royalties.

Later, in the mid-1980s, Snepp said, he submitted a screenplay about his battles with the CIA and waited for one-and-a-half years for clearance from the board, even though the courts had ruled in an earlier case that the board had to complete its initial review within 30 days.

This time, Snepp sued the agency. The CIA won again, he said, after an appellate court ruled the 30-day time limit was not binding.

But his luck may be changing. After Snepp recently submitted his latest book, *Irreparable Harm*, a chronicle of his publication battles with his former employer, the board cleared the work with only one minor change.

"They can pick and choose who they go after – and they usually go after the critics," Snepp said. "Hedley can say all he wants, but [decisions are] way out of his hands. And if he's articulated a new policy, I'd like to see it down on paper – that's something they never do." Hedley denies the board practices political censorship. He said the board has cleared scorching attacks on the agency that were, in his opinion, misguided and factually inaccurate – but not injurious to the agency's sources and methods.

And the board has had to kill manuscripts highly favorable to the agency, he said, because they revealed too much highly sensitive information. One such tale, he said, involved a daring rescue of CIA operatives by agents from a foreign intelligence service that would not normally be thought of as friendly to the United States. Telling the tale, Hedley said, would have brought that "covert" relationship to an end.

The agency's right to pre-publication review was first upheld by the courts after the CIA obtained a permanent injunction blocking ex-analyst Victor Marchetti's 1974 book, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, until he delivered the manuscript to the agency.

Philip Agee, who published a 1975 book, *Inside the Company: CIA Diary*, has been under court order since the early 1980s to submit all writings to the board and has done so on numerous occasions.

"They haven't been able to change a thing," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Hamburg.

Inside the Company, which named dozens of CIA officers and agents operating overseas, is held up by the agency as the example of the kind of damage that can be inflicted without pre-publication review. The State Department ultimately revoked Agee's US passport in 1979 for his disclosures.

The most recent author to battle the CIA is Patrick G. Eddington, a former agency photographic analyst who threatened to file suit two years ago when the agency initially refused to allow him to publish classified information pertaining to "Gulf War Syndrome" that the Pentagon had already made available on the Internet.

The CIA ultimately backed down, and Eddington credits Hedley with arguing his case and saving the agency "another ugly lawsuit" over his book, *Gassed in the Gulf: The Inside Story of the Pentagon-CIA Cover-up of Gulf War Syndrome*. Years before taking over the board in early 1996, the man who edits the secrets held a far different editing post, where the goal was to include everything. He edited the *President's Daily Brief*, the highly classified compendium of secrets the agency serves up six days a week to the president, the vice president, the secretary of state, the secretary of defense, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the national-security adviser.

"Sometimes you were just kind of awed by the whole thing," he said. "You know so much about what you're telling the president, it's kind of hard to know what you can talk about once you leave here. I think it was hard for my wife. She didn't really know exactly what I did, and I couldn't really talk about what I did." Hedley's legacy at the CIA, however, may be his role in helping establish "the Clarridge precedent," the new standard of disclosure enunciated by the pre-publication board in its review of Duane R. "Dewey" Clarridge's recent book, *A Spy For All Seasons*. Clarridge was amazed that Hedley and the board allowed him to describe numerous previously undisclosed covert actions, including a secret trip to Baghdad he made in 1986 to try to get President Saddam Hussein to surrender an alleged terrorist living in Iraq. "I pushed the envelope on the book," Clarridge said.

Hedley points out that the board sent Clarridge a 19-page, single-spaced list of comments and suggested redactions at the end of its opening, 30-day review. He also credits Clarridge's home within the agency, the highly secretive Directorate of Operations, for letting Clarridge tell his tale.

Milt Bearden, a former station chief in Islamabad, Pakistan, said the review board cleared his recent novel, *The Black Tulip*, with only minor redactions involving information about electronic intercepts. The board raised nary an eyebrow, he said, at a description of a Soviet fighter shot down by an Afghan rebel using a US-made Stinger missile supplied by the CIA.

Looking at all the recent work pouring into the review board, Bearden said he isn't sure who has changed more, the board or the agency's retirees. Seven or eight years ago, he said, most covert operatives denounced those who retired and vented their spleens in print.

But now, Bearden said, even the man who vowed he'd never tell the secrets, 84-year-old former CIA director Richard Helms, is working on a memoir – and submitting it to the board for review, chapter by chapter.

"If we don't do it, it won't be recorded," Bearden said. His novel and Clarridge's memoir, he said, "could actually be good for a besieged CIA – to have some stuff out there that's not too hostile."

(The Washington Post)

A fitful history

LIBERALISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS by Alan Brinkley. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press. 372pp. $27.95.

By Ephraim Gerber

By taking his title from Freud's *Civilization and its Discontents*, Alan Brinkley signals that American Liberalism can never be at philosophical or doctrinal peace. Liberals, as the author recounts, may have entered the Great Depression convinced it was caused by an unholy alliance of government and industry, but then promoted an identical covenant in the early days of Roosevelt's New Deal. Liberalism may have formed a belief in the value of "Big Government," but then retreated hastily when Germany and Italy embodied the dangers of such a conception. It may have sought a natural base among the people, but then reacted with horror to populist demagogues like Huey Long of Louisiana in the 1930's or Christian evangelists like Oral Roberts (both brilliantly captured in separate chapters), whom the people served up, or who served themselves up to the people.

American liberalism, always staunchly capitalist, may define its mission as guaranteeing an improving material prospect for the American citizen-consumer, then despair at the damage to the environment and the resultant loss of spirituality which follow prosperity.

As Brinkley makes clear, all this Hamlet-like indecision could have been jettisoned with the birth of the New Left in the late 1950's and early 1960's. But that amorphous body could not promptly find an agenda. It then gravitated toward the Civil Rights Movement. But when African Americans interpreted the cause by different lights, the New Left largely abandoned it in order to stop the madness in Vietnam. That mission accomplished, as we all know, the New Left was quietly absorbed into the ranks of American investment bankers.

Like much of Americana, liberalism seems to have a short attention span.

Liberalism and its Discontents is a sympathetic account of Liberalism's fitful history in this century. Brinkley marshals a great deal of material and a rather long time-frame for such a relatively short book. His method is to bring certain representative people sharply to life and then show how these men (there are few women in these chapters) sometimes dominated events, but mostly how they did not.

Brinkley begins with a chiseled demythologizing, first of FDR and then of New Deal experimentation ("I really don't know what the basic principle of the New Deal is," Alvin Hansen, one of its architects, admitted in 1940). John Kennedy gets short shrift, but, then, the market seems to be bearish these days on the achievements of JFK's administration.

Brinkley carries the story of individuals through the tragic life and murder of Allard Lowenstein, the archetypal "liberal" who almost singlehandedly forced Lyndon Johnson to withdraw from the 1968 presidential election. From that chronological point the author concerns himself with more general issues.

Although Brinkley is clearly a liberal himself, his book is far more than an insider's lament. Great if belated victories over racism and sexism are credited to the liberal effort. But it is Brinkley's understanding of the other – more conservative – currents at work in American history that makes this book especially interesting. *Liberalism and its Discontents* manages to gain purchase far enough outside its subject for the reader to place American liberalism in context. Brinkley writes that "the problems liberalism has experienced are not simply a result of its own internal weaknesses, or of the broad forces it has failed to control. For despite the claims of the 'consensus' scholars that liberalism is the only important political tradition in America, nothing has become clearer over the last thirty years – both in historical scholarship and in our experience as a society – that the consensus argument, on that point at least, was wrong." This is what makes the chapters on Huey Long and Oral Roberts – and a gem about those "icons of the American Establishment," Stimson and McLoy – so important.

It also lends credibility to Brinkley's last chapter, entitled "The Problem of American Conservatism," about which Brinkley asks and partially answers the question: "Why has American conservatism not claimed enough attention from scholars to cause them to revise or overthrow their conceptual models in order to make a place for it?" Some scholars simply have no stomach for the religious fundamentalism that *sometimes* clusters around conservatism, or cannot think in any terms other than the rational, progressive course they believe is America's destiny.

But the fascinating irony which Brinkley teases out is that "American conservatism in the twentieth century has rested on a philosophical foundation not readily distinguishable from the liberal tradition to which it is, in theory, opposed.... Nothing, in fact, so irritated many conservatives in the 1930's and 1940's as the New Deal's appropriation of the word 'liberal.'"

American liberalism and American conservatism are strange twins, then. Given American liberalism's angst-ridden passage from one ideological position to its opposite over the course of this century, this should not be surprising.

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BOOK BYTES

The "vanity press wars" in England ratcheted up a notch when Jonathan Clifford discovered that the wheel-nuts on his car were mysteriously loosened earlier this year. "This is one of a series of attacks and threats to stop me from my campaign," says Clifford, aged 58. "It doesn't bear thinking about what could have happened if the wheel had come off. I'm absolutely certain that this was because of my campaign against the vanity press." Clifford, who has fought tirelessly for five years to institute tighter controls over the vanity publishing industry, has in the last year had dozens of telephone calls threatening violence unless he drops his campaign.

The unscrupulous vanity publisher preys on the hopes and dreams of inexperienced authors. The scam begins with small ads in writers' magazines and the general press requesting book submissions. Submitted works are "evaluated" to encourage the gullible. Letters and contracts promise advertising, distribution, newspaper reviews and royalties. The author pays an exorbitant sum for the "service." The books are usually sub-standard, often poorly edited or not edited at all, and sometimes printed without proof-reading. To add insult to injury, books left over after the so-called "sales period" are sold back to the client at "a reduced cost."

Two names to watch out for are Minerva Press and Avon in Britain. Both use slightly altered names of well-known companies (Minerva, an imprint of Reed Books; and Avon Books, a division of the Hearst Corp.); thus unsuspecting writers think they are dealing with a mainstream publisher. Authors worldwide, including some in Israel, have fallen into the trap. For free advice, victims of vanity publishers are encouraged to contact Jonathan Clifford at 27 Mill Road, Fareham, Hants. PO16 0TH, U.K.; Tel/Fax Int'l 44 01329 822218.

TEN YEARS ago a young customer came into a bookstore in Oxford, Mississippi, and said he was writing a book. Richard Howorth, owner of Square Books, thought, "Yeah, yeah." In time, having sold that novel, the man returned and asked if he could do a signing, his first, in Howorth's shop. So Howorth sat him down and explained to him how it's done, "that he needed to invite all of his friends, family and colleagues." His launching sold 53 copies, which at the time Howorth considered "not bad." The book was *A Time to Kill* (Wynwood) and the author was John Grisham. From such small beginnings, Grisham has dominated the 1990s with millions of books sold. But for all his success, Grisham never forgot the early support Square Books gave him, and with the publication of each new novel, he comes back to hold a signing.

ALLEN DRURY, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1960 for his novel *Advise and Consent*, died at age 80 in September. Drury was born in Texas, but he grew up in California and was educated at Stanford University. His first reporting job was on the Tulare *California Bee* newspaper, and during World War II he served as a UPI Senate reporter. In 1954 *The New York Times* hired him to cover Capitol Hill. In his years in Washington for the *Times*, he stole early morning hours to write *Advise and Consent*, a novel of political intrigue and betrayal. In his career, Drury turned out five nonfiction books and 19 novels, six of which were sequels to

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The politics of Wye

Though the Wye Memorandum was long in the making, its signature has, much like the signing of the Oslo Declaration of Principles five years ago, caught the Israeli political scene flat-footed. Instantly, both the Left and the Right have split over how to relate to the post-Wye Netanyahu government. The Labor Party, in particular, has been expressing its ambivalence by promising a political "safety net" while pressing for new elections. Now is not a time, however, for straddling the fence: those who support the agreement should ask themselves what will facilitate its implementation.

The successful carrying out of the Wye agreement is far from a foregone conclusion. Already, a snag has emerged over the Palestinian "work plan" for combating terrorism. Israel says the Palestinians have broken a verbal agreement to submit the plan within a week, while PA security chief Mohammed Dahlan – who was supposed to draft the plan – is reportedly in Europe on a private business trip. As a result, Israel has postponed the cabinet vote on the agreement until the working plan has been seen by Israel.

It is understandable that the cabinet would want to see the security working-plan before voting on the agreement, given its centrality to the whole agreement. Presumably, this snag will be resolved, but it is indicative of what it will take to ensure full implementation in the days and weeks to come. Implementing the Wye agreement fully will cause no less political turmoil on the Palestinian side. The Palestinians, as they have before, will likely seek to avoid such turmoil by cutting corners on the agreement to the degree that this is tolerated by Israel and the United States.

Though the opposition did not agree with all the government's demands of the Palestinians at Wye, there was agreement that the Palestinians were falling far short in the fight against terrorism. Opposition leader Ehud Barak knows full well that it will take a united front of the government, the opposition, and the United States to ensure the Palestinians combat their own militants.

During the delicate and critical period of the Wye accord's implementation, the Labor Party is expected to provide the government with a "safety net" of support in no-confidence votes. This is as it should be, because Wye implemented is Oslo par excellence. Since an opposition's job is to oppose, it is not surprising that Labor has trouble mustering more than grudging support for the agreement. At the same time, Labor is missing an opportunity to declare victory for its own path. Rather than unequivocally following its pledge to support the government when it adopts Labor's pro-Oslo path, the Labor Party has chosen to support NRP MK Hanan Porat's bill to schedule early elections. Though some Labor MKs have argued that scheduling elections for next March, or later, will not hamper implementation of Wye, this claim is difficult to accept. A looming election campaign would create pressures in both directions regarding the inevitable disputes with the Palestinians over implementation: both to implement the agreement despite violations and to stop implementation over resolvable differences. Israel's room to maneuver – whether to be tough or flexible when needed – would be restricted.

Though Barak remains for the moment adamantly opposed to a unity government, and Netanyahu seems uninterested in such a prospect, there is now nothing stopping the two major parties from speaking with one voice on the peace process. Even political rivals, under certain circumstances, can benefit from close cooperation. For Barak, full-throated cooperation with Netanyahu in demanding Palestinian compliance with Wye will show the public that pursuing peace and security is more important than politics. For Netanyahu, Barak's cooperation strengthens his hand with the Palestinians and the US, increasing the chances that this time, reciprocity will really happen.

This cooperation can only come about, however, in the context of a rhetorical cease-fire. Netanyahu must stop accusing the previous government of having planned to give away territory like there was no tomorrow; Barak must tentatively admit that Netanyahu is implementing Oslo, and plans to conclude a final-status agreement. Neither side can know where such cooperation would lead, or how long it could last. The Labor Party, for its part, has nothing to lose. So long as Netanyahu is credibly implementing Oslo and pursuing a full peace agreement, Labor has little chance of competing with him politically on the peace issue. If Netanyahu strays from that path, whether from ideological or coalition considerations, Barak can always go back to a more standard opposition mode – but with greater credibility than had he not been supportive during this critical period.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIRECT ELECTIONS

Sir, – Former minister Moshe Arens' plea for revoking the direct election law has not fallen on the public's "deaf ears" but sadly under our present electoral system we the citizens have no channel by which to influence parliamentary activity.

The electorate is effectively disenfranchised during the years between elections and Arens himself was vociferous in his opposition to the idea of electoral reform as mooted by Chaim Herzog and others in the early 1980s.

On the other hand let it not be forgotten that Bibi Netanyahu, the first directly elected prime minister, was the chief protagonist in the changing of the Basic Law to that which we have today.

Desperate for what they naively thought would be the beginning of true reform leading to accountability from elected representatives, the popular movements for change were heartened by Netanyahu's unswerving dedication to the cause.

In the face of his own party's opposition, he travelled the length and breadth of the country (and the US, to raise funds) to support and encourage the activists.

Had the movement continued, directly elected MKs would have provided the electorate with a voice in the Knesset which has never been needed ore than now.

ZELDA HARRIS,
Former chairperson,
Committee of Concerned Citizens

Netanya.

HAVE YOUR CAKE...

Sir, – Great news!

The clinics of Kupat Holim Clalit and Maccabi are no longer open on Friday. I am very happy for all those who now have their Friday free of work. Just one thing disturbs me: who is paying for the day they don't work?

I presume this free day is done in order to economize on the health expenses. So I presume all the workers in these clinics are getting less wages?

No? Really, why?

Going over to a five-day week and adding those Friday hours to make a longer working day is one thing. But to just willy-nilly cut down the working hours and say this is "in order to economize" means we the public are paying for it.

I have not yet heard the public complaining, we just sit in longer queues! Come on: let's shout!! Let the clinics be open every day till 6.45 or 7 p.m. Then you can have your Friday off. You can't eat your cake and still have it!!

MYRA WEINBRAND

Haifa.

TO DIE IN PEACE

Sir, – Thank you for your excellent article "Allowing the terminally ill to die in peace" (Oct. 4.) We appreciate Ms. Siegel-Itzkovich's report on the need for education on how to offer suitable palliative care for doctors and nurses, and the coverage on Dr. Cherny's efforts to develop programs on palliative care in the various medical schools in Israel.

As the son and daughter of Bella Sebba we particularly appreciate the information included in your article about the palliative care lectures in her memory. We read with interest about families in Israel dealing with a terminal illness, and were pleased to note Dr. Fefer's intention to attend the Sebba symposium following his recognition that he "hadn't been taught palliative medicine."

We regret that our mother did not have the benefit of Dr. Cherny's expertise and applaud his efforts to enable his patients to "die in peace, without suffering."

STANLEY SEBBA,
MIDGE LEVY

Herzliya Pituah.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On October 29, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Arab Press published fantastic and blood-curdling reports on "hundreds of casualties and 30 dead" suffered during their anti-immigration demonstration in Jaffa.

50 years ago: On October 29, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the banner of the Zionist Movement had become the official flag of Israel.

Israeli forces entered Ashdod, Nitzanim and Beit Govrin after Egyptians fled from their bases there. At the UN Britain and China demanded Israeli withdrawal. "To restore the Egyptian positions in the Negev would be an international anomaly," Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Council. "Every Egyptian soldier on Palestine's soil is a living monument of defiance of UN Charter," he concluded.

25 years ago: On October 29, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. David Elazar complained that Israel had been compelled to allow a one-time supply convoy to Egypt's encircled Third Army.

Alexander Zvielli

The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

Nothing new

Many still doubt that the Wye Memorandum will actually be implemented

The Wye Plantation Memorandum, which was signed in an internationally publicized ceremony, is not a peace agreement. It doesn't contain any major new elements. It is simply a confirmation by the parties to implement what had been agreed to and signed between Israel and the Palestinians.

Nevertheless, the Wye Memorandum could be very important to Middle East peace. It marks, for the first time, an unambiguous embrace by Israel's right-wing Likud Party – including Ariel Sharon – of the Oslo peace process which was begun by the late Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.

For Palestinians, this agreement couldn't have come at a better time. The level of frustration and skepticism had reached dangerous proportions.

The procrastination of Binyamin Netanyahu, his government's settlement policy and the apparent inability of the US to do anything had left a bitter taste in Palestinian mouths. Ever since Netanyahu's razor-thin victory, Palestinians have witnessed more land confiscation, violent Israeli repression, travel restrictions, house demolitions and no movement in the peace process.

Since his election in 1996, Israel's prime minister has formally accepted the Oslo Accords, but his action (or inaction) has left the world skeptical of his motives. Many in Palestine and the Arab world began to doubt whether his government would ever implement the accords. Indeed, many still doubt that what has been agreed upon near Maryland's Wye River will actually be implemented. Only persistent follow-up by the United States, at the highest level, will ensure that the Wye Agreement will be carried out in all its details.

To deliver home the message of peace, Palestinians of all walks of life must see and feel the change. They must enjoy the right to be free and independent. The ability to move around in one's own country, to travel in and out of one's homeland and to pursue economic prosperity should not be obtained as a result of Israeli charity. It must be clear in word and deed that such basic rights are inalienable, and must be honored.

Palestinians have prayed for the day that their lives will no longer be used as a political bargaining chip. The Wye Plantation Memorandum should put an end to this dark chapter of holding the people of the region hostage to the political ambitions of power-hungry politicians.

ON the other hand, Palestinians are concerned about the implications of some of the security arrangements hammered out between the Palestinian leadership, Israeli security officials and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Human rights organizations are afraid that the Palestinian Authority will use this agreement, and the international support it has received, to crack down on Palestinian opposition.

The fear is that the crackdown will not be limited to militant Islam but will also include political Islam, and any other national opposition within the Palestinian arena. Not many hours after the agreement was signed, Palestinian security forces arrested 11 journalists working for Palestinian and the foreign press who had been interviewing the leader of the Islamic Hamas movement.

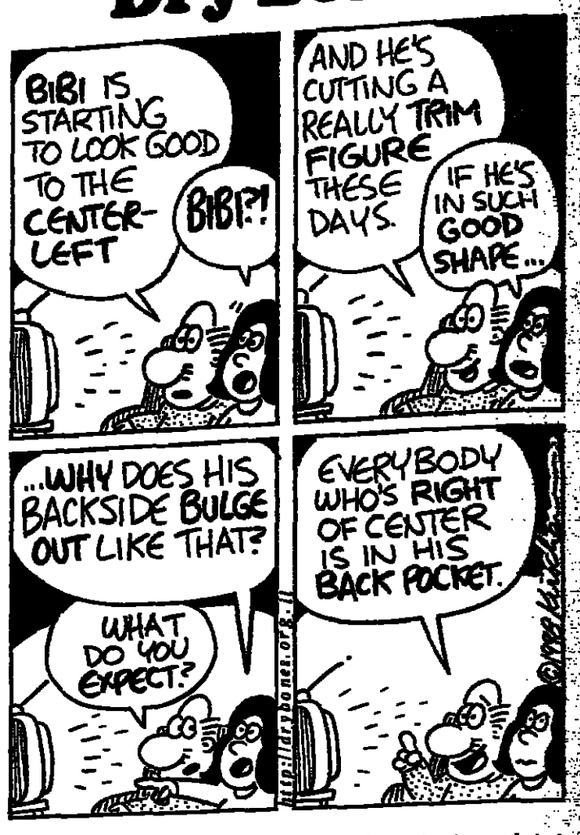
The implementation of the Wye Agreement will certainly not solve the Palestinian problem. It could be an important step in this direction if the agreement reflects a sea change in the politics of the Israeli government towards Palestinians.

To create the proper atmosphere for talks that will deal with sensitive issues like Jerusalem, refugees, the status of settlements and borders, many more changes are needed. If the era of settlement expansion and the denial of Palestinian rights has ended, then the beginning of final-status talks will have a chance. If not, this short-term reprieve will contribute very little to the long awaited peace in the Middle East.

While peace with Palestinians is crucial to reversing the trend of instability in the region, Israel needs to find the way to make peace with the whole Arab world. King Hussein is right in his pursuit of a comprehensive peace.

Such a peace must start with the recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination, including their rights to live in peace and tranquility in their own state. And it also must include the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces from Lebanese and Syrian territory.

Dry Bones



What happened to the economic miracle?

ELIYAHU KANOVSKY

Among the charges leveled by the opposition against Prime Minister Binymanin Netanyahu is that his government has mishandled economic affairs, resulting in recession and rising unemployment.

They note that between 1990 and 1996 there was rapid economic growth, declining rates of unemployment, and rising incomes. The boom period came to a halt in 1996, presumably a consequence of the economic policies of Netanyahu's government, elected in mid-1996.

But this is not so. In an article in this paper a few weeks before those elections, I noted that the prosperity in 1993-96, under the Rabin-Peres government, was based on large and rapidly growing balance of payments (current account) deficits. These deficits were covered largely by foreign borrowing and an expanding external debt.

My conclusion at that time was that no matter which party won the elections, the new government would have to implement painful budgetary cutbacks, which would almost certainly bring on a recession and rising unemployment. Austerity measures are usually an integral part of the "bitter medicine" taken to combat balance of payments deficits and also curb inflation.

The results of the new measures taken by the Netanyahu government and the "tight money" policy of the Bank of Israel were not long in coming.

The balance of payments (the current account) which had been in approximate balance for three years (1990-92), deteriorated badly between 1993 and 1996, going from a minus $1.8 billion in 1993 to a minus $5.3b. in 1996, but in 1997 the deficit was sharply reduced to $3.6b., and was heading downward. Bank Hapoalim projects a deficit of $2b. in 1998 and $1b. in 1999.

Austerity measures may, at times, be a necessary evil, but they are painful especially for those who have lost their jobs or new graduates who can't find a first job. Nevertheless, the opposition should know better than to point an accusing finger at the present government's economic policies.

The Bank of Israel's annual report noted recently that "many of the economic developments of 1997 can be regarded as *corrections* (emphasis added) of the previous trends which, although characterized by high growth rates, embodied a growing risk of a balance of payments crisis and the undermining of economic stability."

Israel's main export markets are the US and Europe. Nonetheless the crisis in Asia has had an impact, especially on diamond sales. In 1997, about one third of Israel's diamonds went to the Asian countries, and it will not be easy to find substitute markets. During the first half of 1998, Israel's total diamond exports were down 15%, largely because of the crisis in that region.

Other than diamonds, most Israeli exports to Asia are in the high-tech area including advanced systems, semi-conductors and communications.

What is noteworthy is that despite the setbacks in Asia, Israel's overall exports (goods and services, excluding diamonds) rose 8% in 1997, as compared with 5% growth in 1996. Export growth was led by manufacturing, and especially by high-tech exports. Israel's rapidly growing high-tech industries attracted large-scale foreign private investment in Israel which reached an unprecedented $3.7b. in 1997.

Overall, Israel's commodity exports rose by 3% (measured in current dollars). Excluding diamonds, industrial exports rose 10%, with still higher rates of growth in the high-tech industries. The trade deficit (total exports minus imports of goods) fell by a creditable 27%. Far lower international oil prices contributed to the strong reduction in Israel's trade deficit.

NO one can predict when the upturn in the economy will begin. The Bank of Israel estimates that reduced exports to Asia will lower Israel's GDP (gross domestic product) in 1998 by about 0.7%. This is a significant figure. If the Asian crisis also reduces American GDP, the impact on Israel will be even more adverse.

On the plus side are Israel's relatively advanced state of technology and the large number of people with technical skills. The rapid growth of high tech in Israel has few precedents, and foreign capital is still pouring into these companies. Another plus for Israel are the far lower oil prices which could reduce Israel's fuel import bill by possibly $200 million a year, or more, as compared with 1996-97.

My own projections today, as in the past, are that oil prices will be low (the current level) or lower, at least when measured in constant (inflation-corrected) dollars. On the other hand, wars or revolutions in any of the major oil-exporting countries could again raise prices very sharply – temporarily.

Economists call the employment and unemployment figures "lagging indicators." In other words, it takes a few months, possibly a year or longer, before an expansion in national product translates into many more job openings. Israel has experienced this time lag as have the US and other countries. For Israel unemployment is a social, political as well as an economic curse, insofar as it encourages emigration, which adversely affects morale.

Until now, the government has put the greater emphasis on overall (macro) fiscal and monetary policy. But given the urgency, it will also have to employ more micro measures to help solve the unemployment problem, with all due haste. This will require more investment in infrastructure, (roads, ports, airports, water and electricity, telecommunications, etc.), which are needed in their own right, but are also labor-intensive.

With a little bit of luck and wise policies, the people of Israel can still enjoy a prosperous future.

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Everyman in orbit

HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

In 1964 space hero John Glenn slipped badly – in his bathroom. This shortly after having survived blast-off, historic space flight and re-entry into earth's atmosphere without a scratch. Injuries to his inner ear were serious enough to force withdrawal from the Senate race. During his slow recovery, a disheartened Glenn referred to himself as a "depressed area."

The ironic injury cut the astronaut down to size. From Superman he became Everyman. Even orbiting the earth doesn't confer immunity against the hard knocks of life. Just as he could trip on the bathmat while shaving like the boy next door, Glenn's personality allowed any of us to fantasize circling the planet ourselves.

Although Glenn went on to serve 28 years as US senator and even run for president, with his smiling straightforwardness he remains Everyman at 77.

Today Everyman is scheduled to go up in orbit once more, one of the handful of lucky mortals who get the chance to relive their greatest thrill. Vicariously, so do we earthlings.

Officially the purpose of Glenn's spot on the flight is to aid research into the aging process. That's how he was able to finagle a seat on board the space shuttle *Discovery*. Astronauts and the aged apparently share several common complaints: sleep and balance disorders, muscle and bone deterioration. Last week doctors announced that Glenn had failed the medical criteria for one melatonin study and they cancelled his involvement in it.

BUT little note. For the eyes of the world the research is secondary, at best. What is stunning is the symbol of a septuagenarian in a space-suit playing around with weightlessness. Glenn's balding head encased in a transparent space helmet beams out from the cover of *LIFE*.

Glenn's participation has been subject to criticism precisely on this point - that the bottom line scientific return is questionable, rendering the whole escapade a waste of money. Granted that senior citizen Glenn in space may be a largely symbolic journey. Then we must ask ourselves: how much is a symbol worth? What is the value of a parade? Of a flag on every public monument? Of an old man having the guts to voluntarily knock at heaven's door while still on earth?

THE STEREOTYPE paints a man of Glenn's age meant to be sunning on a park bench or boarding the bus to visit grandchildren.

So Glenn's trajectory today gives encouragement that age does not spell automatic obsolescence. Yet, Glenn himself may be a symbol of changing times. As society turns its back upon traditional deference towards the aged, their increased numbers and longevity empower them to make up in power lobbies what they have lost in respect.

Glenn's Senate colleague, 95-year-old Strom Thurmond, claims that if NASA were really interested in geriatric research, they ought to let him take Glenn's place on the flight. As the concept of age discrimination takes hold it can no longer be said with impunity "Over forty need not apply" – at least not out loud.

Responding to workers' pressure to be allowed to stay on the job, some mandatory retirement ages have been raised, like the one for commercial pilots upped to 65.

If, as they say, old age entrenches old patterns, Glenn proves the cliché.

He quips that the aim of life is "to burn out, not rust out." Why would Glenn suddenly turn into T.S. Eliot's timid old man wondering if he dared to eat a peach?

Glenn revisiting space mimics on a grander scale his fellow World War Two veterans who returned to France in 1994 to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Reenacting the invasion, the skies over Normandy soon filled with paratroopers in their 70s dangling from parachutes. Refusing to go gently into the good night, they, like Glenn, reaffirmed the life force.

As he zooms faster than the speed of sound past nursing homes and nursery schools alike, Glenn gives hope to every age. More role model than guinea pig, he proves that it's the young at heart who fly the highest, even the second time around.

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Weekender

A Pryor engagement

Trailblazing black comedian Richard Pryor, now racked by MS, is the first recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American humor

By SHARON WAXMAN

Richard Pryor's comedy took your breath away. He stalked the stage like a restless hunter. He told angry, painful, side-splitting truths about his childhood in a brothel, his adulthood as a sex-crazed hound dog and a cocaine-sucking junkie. Along the way he ripped the veneer off society's polite relationships between blacks and whites, cops and criminals, rich and poor, men and women, parents and children, even humans and animals.

He lanced the boil on the US's national complexion. He cleared the air. Last week Pryor, 58, became the first recipient of the Mark Twain Prize, established this year by the Kennedy Center to salute American humor.

"He's very similar to Mark Twain, especially in terms of being among the first humorists to talk about race, about black and white and the relations between them, about the silliness and stupidness of prejudice," says Lawrence J. Wilker, president of the Kennedy Center.

Sometimes it seemed Pryor's entire vocabulary consisted of the N-word, the P-word and the mother-lovin' F-word. Most of his material couldn't be printed in this or any other newspaper. Pryor probably spent most of his adulthood in an altered condition. Most people know that. Most know his personal life is an unmitigated train wreck. Five ex-wives. Six children, most of them estranged. One near-successful attempt at self-immolation while freebasing cocaine. Now there is multiple sclerosis, a disease that appeared a decade ago, reducing Pryor to a thinking, feeling captive of himself.

He is ill but manages to say this much in a labored interview: "I have a lot of pain that I cannot express." A very long silence ensues. "I feel glad that I have it in my head. And I'm very frustrated now." Sometimes he writes it down, he says, "but I wish I could say it." He can't anymore. No, he croaks, "I'm afraid not."

Much of Pryor's career was spent in the so-called "mainstream," making movies like *Silver Streak, Car Wash, Which Way Is Up?* and *California Suite*; more than 30 in all. The films were nowhere near as raw (or as good) as his stand-up material, but the camera revealed a face in which fear and innocence were writ large, in which a wide-eyed, childlike vulnerability was ever-present. There was nothing menacing about Richard Pryor's face, no matter how much profanity spewed from his mouth.

But he beat one of his wives to within an inch of her life. He went to jail for tax evasion, assault and drug possession. One New Year's Eve, while under the influence, he shot at his car with a .357 magnum. Of course, later he told on himself to the audience.

More painful was his recounting of the 1980 fire, when he doused himself with cognac while freebasing cocaine, and "accidentally" (in recent years he has acknowledged the incident as a suicide attempt) lit himself on fire, jumped out a window and ran, burning, down the block. He was lucky to survive, with third-degree burns over half of his body.

"Have you ever burned up? It's weird," he later told the audience. "You know something I noticed? When you run down the street on fire, people will move out of your way."

There are plenty of reasons Richard Pryor should have turned out a mess, but not a single reason he should have been so funny.

He grew up around the family brothels in Peoria, Illinois, raised by an iron-fisted grandmother and an abusive father. Pryor's parents divorced when he was 10, but not before Pryor saw his mother slash his father's testicles with her nails during a fight.

There are even more painful confessions in his 1995 book, about being molested as a boy by a neighborhood pedophile named Hoss. About racism: getting called "nigger" by the father of a white girl he liked in his class ("Zap," he writes. "Six inches of self-esteem gone"). Also poverty, gangs, expulsion from school at 14 for taking a swing at a teacher. Expulsion from the army several years later for stabbing a white soldier.

He came back from overseas to do menial jobs, but wormed his way into telling jokes at a local nightclub. Performing gave Pryor something he never had at home: acceptance, love, attention.

And he was good at making people laugh. By the early '60s he was making a living as an emcee, traveling the "black belt" of Midwestern nightclubs.

He discovered women. "I caught women as if they were taxis," he writes. Black women, white women, prostitutes, fans. Even one transvestite.

He discovered drugs, his instant crutch and his most potent tool for inspiration and for self-destruction. From the time he started doing cocaine in the mid-'60s, Pryor rarely performed when he wasn't loaded.

Pryor started performing in Greenwich Village. He patterned his act after Bill Cosby. But though successful, by 1967 Pryor was dissatisfied. He had more to say.

He worked on his new act in Los Angeles, at black clubs like the one owned by Redd Foxx, and it came together in a debut album. In 1969 he started doing movies, and Pryor was on his way to stardom.





Like the writer Mark Twain, Richard Pryor (seen above in the film 'Blue Collar') lends his sense of humor to questions of race.

Today, Richard Pryor's voice is a high-pitched whine, a faint, weary thread down the telephone wire. He has agreed to an interview to mark the occasion of the prize, but prefers not to meet in person. He spends most of his time in a wheelchair, stripped gradually by the disease of the ability to perform basic functions. His condition, however, is stable.

Long questions are followed by one-word answers. He says, "Yes ma'am," when asked if he is pleased by the Twain prize. "I wasn't expecting it," he says. "There are a lot of comedians out there. I'm very pleased. Surpriiiiised." This exchange takes several minutes.

A nurse's voice whispers in the background; eventually it becomes clear she is dictating some answers in his ear. The disease? "This is my cross," he repeats as she audibly mouths the words. "God sent it to me." But some of the remarks come from Pryor, not his caretaker.

"I'm a pioneeeeeer," he says. "That's my contribution. I broke barriers for black comics. I was being Richard Pryor; that was me on that stage." Long pause. "But I was on drugs at the time." Always? "Most of the time." Another pause.

"The drugs didn't make me funny. God made me funny. The drugs kept me up in my imagination. But I felt" – he stops again. The wait is interminable. But he finishes – "pa-the-tic afterward." For the record, there is no known link between multiple sclerosis and Pryor's previous excesses.

With an irony befitting Pryor's outsize past, the ex-wife he used to physically abuse, Jennifer Lee, is now his caretaker, organizing the armies of nurses and staff members needed to sustain him. When she came in 1994 at Pryor's request, Lee fired a houseful of freeloaders. She dumped the lawyers and accountants, too, slashed child support payments and got rid of the guns in the house. She also accepted Pryor's constant, abject apologies for his past behavior.

In his memoir, Pryor explains, "I didn't want merely to shock people. I also wanted to be good."

Today you ask why and he says the following, with no prompting: "Anything for a laugh" – a moment passes, and then comes the kicker: "You have to develop a taste for it." And he laughs, a strange, choking sound from the man whose humor hit him where it hurt.

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A friendly byte downtown

By GWEN ACKERMAN

The Netcafe is a friendly place. Meet a friend there for coffee, a beer or a game of backgammon. Browse the bulletin board, surf the Net or send an e-mail to family back home.

Opened just five months ago, Netcafe caters to just about everyone. A glance upstairs, where the cafe's six computers are all busy, reveals haredi and Orthodox yeshiva students, a backpacker passing through, a tourist and an Israeli carrying a motorcycle helmet.

While waiting for a free terminal, one can flip through a Lonely Planet guide book to Israel and the Palestinian territories or pick up one of the newspapers and magazines lying on the counter.

Looking for something more substantial to read? Bring in a paperback you've finished and exchange it for a book sitting on the shelf in the corner. Cards, backgammon, checkers and chess games are also available to pass the time or just have fun.

If you're hungry, take your pick from the reasonably priced, simple kosher menu of quiche (NIS 25), salads (NIS 22), sandwiches (NIS 10), cakes (NIS 17 for an enormous slice) and ice cream. Winter will bring a choice of soups.

In the grand tradition of the now-defunct Richie's Pizza, friends can leave messages for each other on the bulletin board, which also boasts ads for apartments and computers for sale.

Netcafe owner Janice Chaim said she was aiming to fill the hole.

"There was a need for one-year students to have a place to go," she says. "I also realized that people who are traveling for two to four months and come in to write home are looking for a friendly, warm place."

Many of the people who walk in are greeted by name, either by Janice or other Netcafe employees.

While on the computer some laugh and some cry – one girl came in to break up with her boyfriend by e-mail.

"Someone told me that what I need is the computer in one corner, a therapist in the other," Janice joked.

Netcafe has live music every week. Tonight, David Shenkin, a new immigrant from New Zealand, will be playing Shlomo Carlebach, Irish music and a bit of the blues on acoustic guitar starting at around 9:30.

Fifteen minutes on the computer costs NIS 7, 30 minutes goes for NIS 14 and the price for an hour is NIS 25. It costs NIS 1 to print a page and scanning a picture will put you back NIS 3.

But buy a monthly membership for NIS 25 and the prices go down. A member also wins a free hour for every four hours of surfing the Net.

If computers makes you squirm, Netcafe offers three-day morning courses on the Internet and e-mail.

Netcafe also runs an ongoing competition for the longest surfer. The current record of seven hours is presently held by a 19-year-old named Yosef. The prize was two hours of free computer time.

"I come here because it's convenient, the connection is fast and if you have to wait you can sit and eat in a comfortable, friendly place," Yosef says.

Netcafe is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fridays 8:30-2:30 and Saturdays starting an hour and half after Shabbat.

Netcafe, 9 Heleni Hamalka, Jerusalem

AFTER HOURS

Soccer on my mind

Maccabi Haifa & Israel striker Alon Mizrahi talks about his most important goals



(Reuter)

When asked to recall the first goal he ever scored, Alon Mizrahi laughs and says he can't remember.

"That was a long time ago," says the Maccabi Haifa striker, who has scored 114 goals in his National Soccer League career. "There's no way I can remember.

"I do remember my first goal in the National League," he says. "I was 18 and playing for Hapoel Tel Aviv. I scored it against Hapoel Holon, in Holon. It was a low shot from seven meters out."

Mizrahi, who will be 27 next month, has been terrifying National League goalies for a while. Israeli goalies and soccer fans have become accustomed to Mizrahi's powerful strides, lethal shots and cunning in the penalty area in the 233 National League games he has played with Hapoel Tel Aviv, Bnei Yehuda, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Ironi Ashdod and Maccabi Haifa.

Apart from the green of Maccabi Haifa, Mizrahi also wears the blue and white of the Israeli national team, where he has scored eight goals in 21 matches.

This season, Maccabi Haifa seems to be struggling. Mizrahi has yet to score and the team has two wins and a draw against two losses.

But on the European stage, the side has made its presence felt. By knocking the French team Paris St. Germain out of the Cup Winners' Cup to advance to the quarterfinals, Maccabi Haifa has scaled new heights for a local club and made Israeli soccer history.

After losing its first quarterfinal match 2-1 to SV Reid, an Austrian club, in Austria, Maccabi Haifa needs to win the return leg at Kiryat Eliezer next Thursday. Mizrahi, who wore the captain's armband in the last match, will need to lead the way. If he scores, as he did in the away leg, he just may add to the following list of goals, which he considers the most important of his career.

1. Russia 2, Israel 2 (Haifa), March 24, 1993

"I scored both goals in the game (in a span of five minutes), but the second one was the big one, which made it 2-2. It was also prettier than the first one. I made a 30-meter run and shot it high into the corner net from 15 meters. It was a good shot and a great result for our team."

2. Maccabi Haifa 1, Parma 0 (Rome), October 20, 1993

"We had lost the first leg of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in Haifa 1-0. It was a tight game but in the second half of the game, I got through the defense and beat the goalie from 16 meters. After 90 minutes we were tied with the Italians [on aggregate], but we lost in the [penalty] shootout and didn't advance."

3. Israel 1, Romania 0 (Bucharest), March 18, 1998

"Israel had never won in Romania before that game and they are a strong team. I was happy that I scored the goal... I got a nice pass [from Eli Abarbanel], made a nice 30-meter run, and I put it high into the goal."

4. Maccabi Haifa 3, Paris St. Germain 2 (Haifa), October 1, 1998

"I got a good pass [from Yaniv Katan] and from in close, chipped it over the goalie and high into the net [giving Maccabi Haifa a 2-1 lead]. The feeling then was the same as on every goal – I was very happy – it was awesome."

5. Maccabi Haifa 3, Paris St. Germain 2 (Haifa), October 1, 1998

"[The winning goal] was a really special goal because it put us into the next stage of the Cup-Winners' Cup. It was a really special moment. We were in injury time and I took a shot from 20 meters. It hit a [defender's] leg and floated into the net."

– Shi Davidi

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

There's lots of movement is available tonight. The Inbal Dance Theater performs Kei Takei's ***The Secret Garden***, and Vincent Mantesoe's ***Madaal*** ("The Elder"). See this legendary Israeli ethnic dance troupe at its home base, the Inbal Theater at Suzanne Dellal, tonight at 8:30. Call (03) 517-3711.

And a fully homegrown product is also available: transcending the boundaries between dance and theater is Ensemble Itim's Part 1 of the Bible: ***Vayomer Vayelech***, which plays at the Ramat Gan Theater tonight at 8, or tomorrow at 1 p.m.

For those who prefer straightforward theater in classic British style, see ***Amy's View*** tonight. The Cameri's production of David Hare's play has helped make him one of Israel's favorite Brit playwrights. Gita (Munte) the Great steals the show, as always. At ZOA House at 8:30 p.m. (03) 695-9341.

Otherwise, Fringe favorite ***Boxing*** shows tonight at the ZOA, a prizewinner from last year. Starting at 9 p.m.

After the shows, descend to the basement and hang out for a late night with the remaining Witches, who now call themselves Venus but play the same intense original rock. At the Underground Hall of ZOA, starting at 10:30 p.m.

A more light-hearted sort of evening is bound to be had at the brand-new **Barbie Club**.

Having left its tiny hole on sleepy Rehov Yona Hanavi, the club has exponentially increased in size and is now located at 40 Selma. Tonight, celebration is the word as **The Shoes** are joined by the fun-loving rocker **Jeremy Kaplan**. Starting at 10 p.m. (03) 681-6757

But the most joyous – and soulful – tunes are found tonight at the **Klezmer Evening** at Bikurei Ha'itim. Starring the Wise Men of Safed and other visitors. Boogie with the ***boychiks***, starting at 9 p.m. 6 Heftman, call (03) 691-9510.

For those who just have to follow up a scandal, see Meir Ariel at the Camelot. Starting at 11 p.m. Call (03) 525-8368

Jerusalem

A hair-raising event is available at the Gerard Behar Center tonight: **"Electricity in the Air"** features the Israel Contemporary Players and IRCAM from Paris, using electronic equipment and computers, as well as some musical instruments, to make neat (hopefully musical) noises. Bardanashvilli's *Ladder* and Michael Torke's ***The Yellow Pages*** are among the works to be performed. Starts at 7 p.m., call (02) 624-0896.

Or take the road less traveled, with some quiet and calm (and acoustic!) folk and country music. Tonight at Kibbutz Tzora, 9 through midnight. Call Judi or Lynn Lewis at 02-990-8382.

Literature lovers are overindulged in Jerusalem this weekend. Tonight, Marc Kirschbaum and Kris G. Bhushan hold a **"Poetry Slam"** at Yakar, 10 Rehov Halamed-Heh, Old Katamon at 8.

Beit Agnon presents a full-fledged literary evening tonight, starring former state comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat who will read from and talk about *Shirim* by the late poet Yosef Ben-Porat; also with Shoshana Idel, Yona Alon, and Bruria Cohen. 16 Klausner St., 7:30 p.m. (02) 671-6498.

Finally, go for the Bohemian coffee-shop mode on Friday, as Israeli literary giant A.B. Yehoshua talks about his latest novel (in Hebrew) at the Tmol Shilshom Bookstore/Cafe. 5 Yoel Solomon, 2:30 p.m. (02) 623-2758.

Dying for an autumn outing in the countryside? Do the closest thing: Mercaz Hamagshimim is holding a seminar and weekend trip. But literature is never far away! The walking-and-talking theme of the trip is "Israeli Literature as a Window to Contemporary Israeli Society." Returning after Shabbat. Call (02) 561-9233 for more info.

And Points Beyond

The story of aliya from Southern Africa is told, in drama, song and dance, in a presentation entitled **"Springboks & Sabras"** tonight at 8:30 at Kfar Sava's Yad Lebanim on Rehov Yerushalayim. Before the show, promoted by the SAZF-Telfed, starts, you're invited to a cocktail party and photographic exhibition at 7 p.m. Call Hilary (09) 767-2404; Janine (09) 765-7725; Michelle (09) 774-5708; or Narda (03) 629-0131 for tickets.

Excellent theater travels the coast tonight. In Ashkelon, *A **Servant with Two Masters*** plays, starring the multi-talented Shmuel Viloszny in a Habimah production. Giggles abound. At Heichal Hatarbut, 8:30 p.m..

In Ashdod, the young troupe of Gesher Theater performs its lavish ***Don Juan***, revolving sets and all. At the Yud-Yud Gimmel Community Center tonight at 8:30.

Weekender
Food & Drink



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The best of the world's vegetarian fare

America's favorite international dishes can be as healthful as they are delicious – with the right touch, Steven Petusevsky writes.

The adoption and adaption of foods from other countries are what make America's culinary landscape exciting. But many people also tend to forget where these favorites came from originally.

Spaghetti, kebabs, and egg rolls didn't just sprout up in American fast-food stands or at corner cafes. Nor did the plates of kasha with caramelized onions and bowls of pudding made with grated potatoes that I scarfed down as a child of Russian-born parents. But I always thought of all of it as typically "American" food.

So what is "American" and what isn't? Who cares? The main thing is that the Americans have melded foods from China, Vietnam, India, Italy and Mexico into a cuisine of their own.

I love these international influences on American cuisine because of their pure flavors. I love it when my taste buds are jolted with sweet, sour, salty and spicy sensations all at once.

The problem, however, with many international foods is their fat content. Many countries traditionally cook – or deep-fry – their foods with liberal amounts of fat.

Though that may be the authentic method of preparation in some countries, I always have thought it possible to use an enlightened hand, especially in traditional vegetarian favorites such as lentil dal, without compromising the taste. Who knows? The time might not be that far off when moo shu is bigger than macaroni.

VEGETABLE MOO SHU

You can substitute flour tortillas for the quick Chinese pancakes, if desired.

15 gr. package dried wood-ear mushrooms
2 cups boiling water
1 tsp. dark sesame oil
1 tsp. vegetable oil
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 Tbsp. minced, peeled fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 cups thinly sliced green cabbage
1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
1 cup diagonally sliced green onions
3 Tbsp. rice vinegar
2 Tbsp. dry sherry
2 Tbsp. soy sauce
2 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
fresh chives (optional)
quick Chinese pancakes (recipe below)

Combine mushrooms and boiling water in a bowl, cover and let stand 30 minutes or until soft. Drain and slice mushrooms into thin strips.

Heat sesame and vegetable oils in a large nonstick skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add eggs and *stir-fry 2 minutes.* Remove eggs from pan. Add minced ginger and garlic to pan and stir-fry 1 minute.

Add mushrooms, cabbage and bell pepper to pan and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add onions and next 4 ingredients (onions through hoisin sauce) and stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in eggs.

Garnish with fresh chives, if desired. Serve with quick Chinese pancakes. (Serves 4.)

QUICK CHINESE PANCAKES

1½ cups flour
1½ cups milk
1 Tbsp. margarine or butter, melted
1 large egg
1 Tbsp. minced fresh chives
¼ tsp. five-spice powder
cooking spray

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups and level with a knife. Place the flour in a medium-sized bowl.

Combine milk, margarine and egg; add milk mixture to flour, stirring with a whisk until blended. Stir in fresh chives and five-spice powder. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

Place a 20cm. crepe pan or nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat until *hot. Remove pan from heat and* pour a scant ½ cup batter into pan; quickly tilt pan in all directions so batter covers bottom of pan. Cook *about 1 minute.*

Carefully lift edge of pancake with a spatula to test for doneness. The pancake will be ready to turn when it *can be shaken loose from* pan and the underside is lightly browned. Turn pancake over and cook 30 seconds on the other side.

Place the pancake on a towel and cool. Repeat the procedure until all of the batter is used. Stack the pancakes between single layers of wax paper or paper towels to prevent pancakes from sticking. (Makes 12 pancakes.)

LENTIL DAL

This is a traditional Indian dish made with lentils, tomatoes, onions and spices. This one is chunkier than most.

1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 Tbsp. minced peeled fresh ginger
1 tsp. cumin seeds
1 tsp. ground turmeric
½ tsp. crushed red pepper
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 cups chopped cauliflower florets
2 cups chopped tomato
2½ cups water
1 cup dried lentils
2 Tbsp. lime or lemon juice
1 Tbsp. minced fresh coriander
¾ tsp. salt
6 cups hot cooked long-grain rice

Heat olive oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and next 5 ingredients (onion through garlic) and saute 2 *minutes. Add cauliflower and* tomato and saute 1 minute.

Stir in water and lentils and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and *simmer 35 minutes or until* lentils are tender. Stir in lime juice, coriander and salt. Serve with rice. (Serves 6.)

VIETNAMESE SOFT SPRING ROLLS

50 gr. uncooked rice noodles
2 cups shredded romaine lettuce
1 cup shredded carrot
1 cup fresh bean sprouts
½ cup crumbled firm tofu
¼ cup thinly sliced green onions
2 Tbsp. thinly sliced fresh mint
2 Tbsp. fresh coriander leaves
2 Tbsp. thinly sliced fresh basil
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. dark sesame oil
6 20cm. round sheets rice paper
hoisin dipping sauce (recipe below)

Combine rice noodles and hot water to cover in a bowl and let stand 20 minutes. Drain and cut into 5cm. pieces with scissors.

Combine rice noodles, lettuce and next 9 ingredients (lettuce through oil).

Put cold water in a large, shallow dish to a depth of 2.5cm. Place 1 rice-paper sheet in dish of water. Let stand 2 minutes or until soft.

Place rice paper sheet on a flat surface. Spread about ½ cup rice noodle mixture in center of wrapper. Fold sides of rice paper sheets over filling and roll up jelly-roll fashion. Gently press seam to seal and place, seam side down, on a serving platter (cover to keep from drying).

Repeat procedure with remaining rice paper and filling mixture. *Slice each roll in half crosswise.* Serve with hoisin dipping sauce. (Serves 6.)

HOISIN DIPPING SAUCE

½ cup hoisin sauce
¼ cup water
2 Tbsp. rice vinegar
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. chile paste with garlic

Combine all ingredients, cover and chill before serving. (Makes about 1 cup.)

THREE-BEAN VEGETABLE MOUSSAKA

1 cup crumbled feta cheese
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh or 1 tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
370 gr. firm tofu, drained
300 gr. frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
240 gr. ricotta cheese
3 garlic cloves, minced
600 gr. eggplant, cut lengthwise into ½cm. thick slices
cooking spray
3 cups tomato sauce
450 gr. can cannellini beans or other white beans, drained
450 gr. can black beans, drained
500 gr. can kidney beans, drained
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 230°.

Combine first 7 ingredients in a bowl; stir until well-blended. Set aside.

Arrange eggplant on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 230° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Reduce oven temperature to 190°.

Spread 1 cup tomato sauce in bottom of a 33cm.x23cm. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Arrange 5 eggplant slices over tomato sauce and top with 1⅓ cups spinach mixture and the cannellini beans. Repeat process making two more layers, using the black beans and then the kidney beans instead of the cannellini beans.

Bake at 190° for 20 minutes. Top with cheese and bake 20 minutes or until cheese is browned. (Serves 8.)

HOT PROVENCALE WRAP

for the roasted vegetables:
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 tsp. dried herbes de Provence
225 gr. eggplant, cut diagonally into ½cm. thick slices
2 small yellow squash, cut diagonally into ½cm. thick slices
1 zucchini, cut diagonally into ½cm. thick slices
1 cup thinly sliced fennel
cooking spray

for the pesto:
½ cup fresh parsley leaves
½ cup basil leaves
2 Tbsp. grated fresh Parmesan cheese
1 Tbsp. pine nuts
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. tehina
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
450 gr. can cannellini beans or other white beans, drained
2 garlic cloves

for the wrap:
6 20cm. tortillas
6 lettuce leaves
¾ cup sliced, roasted red bell peppers
½ cup shredded mild yellow cheese

Preheat broiler.

To prepare the roasted vegetables, combine first 8 ingredients in a large zip-top plastic bag, seal and marinate 20 minutes. Remove vegetable mixture from bag; discard marinade.

Place vegetable mixture on a cookie sheet coated with cooking spray. Broil 12 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally, and set aside.

Preheat oven to 175°.

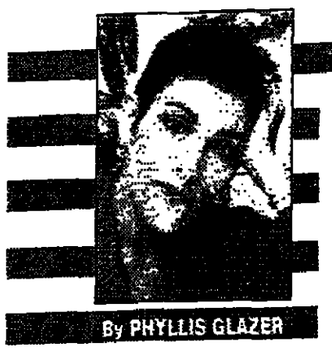
To prepare pesto, place parsley and next 9 ingredients (parsley through garlic) in a food processor and process until smooth, scraping sides of processor bowl occasionally.

To prepare wrap, warm tortillas according to package directions.

Spread ¼ cup pesto over each tortilla. Divide lettuce leaves, roasted vegetables, bell peppers and cheese evenly among tortillas and roll up.

Wrap each tortilla in foil and bake at 175° for 8 minutes or until thoroughly heated. (Serves 6.)

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By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

Many people are interested in making their kitchens "healthier," but don't know very much about *nutrition and are confused about* which products to buy and which to avoid. I suggest making this change gradually, but thoroughly.

The best way to start is by creating a comfortable workspace in your kitchen. Stock it with a wooden cutting board, preferably one on "feet" so it doesn't come in contact with the chemicals you may use to clean your worktop. (If you use a cutting board without "feet" just make sure to use it on a dry surface.) Wood is a better choice than plastic for a cutting board since, surprisingly, more *bacteria tend to grow on plastic* than on wooden cutting boards. Get another board to use just for cutting raw meat.

To maintain a wooden cutting board, treat it with hot oil every few months. (Paraffin oil is particularly good.) Heat the oil till it is very warm and use a paper towel to work the *oil into the* board. Rub it with a second towel until dry. This will help prevent the board from drying *out, minimize the absorption of* food into the wood, and make the board easier to clean.

If you own aluminum cooking *pots, use them as planters and* buy some stainless-steel pots to replace them. If you're cooking on a halogen burner, make sure the pots you buy have at least two-layered bottoms.

In the drawer where you keep aluminum foil, plastic wrap, and sandwich bags, add waxed paper for wrapping sandwiches and parchment paper for baking. Use aluminum foil only as a last resort.

The best way to store some staples is in airtight jars. Although Tupperware makes storage containers with an excellent seal, glass is the purest way to store dry goods and food. You can recycle glass spaghetti-sauce jars and glass jam jars and use them for storing food.

Use dish soap for cleaning counters when possible, rather than harsher products that may come in contact with food. Adding a little plain vinegar to the cleaning water will help inhibit the growth of bacteria.

If you have an old refrigerator, buy a thermometer and check the temperature. It should be between 0° and 3° centigrade for best fruit and vegetable storage. Check if the refrigerator is closing properly by shutting the door on a piece of paper. If the paper can be moved up and down easily, the rubber seal on the refrigerator needs to be replaced. If you don't fix it, you're not only paying more for electricity *because the refrigerator is work*ing harder as warm air is entering it, but you're also subjecting your foodstuffs to temperatures *that encourage the development* of bacteria.

If you own an old microwave, it might be a good idea to have it checked once a year or every two years for leakage. Do you have special cooking and/or reheating utensils for the microwave? You should. Do not use plastic utensils in the microwave unless they are specifically designed for microwave use. If you don't *want to invest in new utensils,* use glass utensils to cook or reheat.

Now it's time to examine your pantry. Go through your kitchen cabinets and refrigerator and read all the labels of the foods you've bought. If you find products *with ingredients* you aren't familiar with, write them down. If the food products you buy have ingredients that you aren't *able to identify,* make a note to yourself not to buy them in the future. We pay too much for our food to buy inferior-quality *products.*

Remember to also check your herbs and spices. If you buy premixed seasoning blends, make sure they contain only the pure ingredients. Avoid buying brands with hydrolyzed vegetable protein, MSG and sugars, even if they come in the form of lactose or dextrose.

Unless you are suffering from diabetes or other illness where the use of sugar is prohibited, so-called *diet products should* be avoided. Substitute sweeteners are suspect (in the US products containing saccharin or cyclamate carry a health warning). Reduced-fat products often are propped up by a variety of emulsifiers and fillers that are best avoided. You'd do yourself a favor by learning to eat less of something good rather than more of something dietetic.



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Could you suggest a tasty mix of spices for roast chicken to use instead of a prepared chicken spice with MSG? Could you also suggest a substitute for American graham crackers?
– Edith Lotzof, Netanya

I don't like any kind of spice mixtures since you don't really know what you're getting in them and they add a kind of standardized flavor to everything. There *are many ways to season a* chicken – by adding salt, pepper, paprika, chopped onion and/or garlic; putting a handful of parsley, celery *leaves and dill in the bottom of the* pan; or rubbing the chicken with sage, honey, maple syrup, date syrup or olive oil seasoned with garlic and rosemary – the variations are endless.

As for graham crackers, Israelis use Petit Beurre biscuits instead of graham crackers for cheesecake crusts. The Greenberg supermarket chain's President's Choice line has some ginger cookies that could be suitable for some recipes.

What is demerara sugar?
In your halla article ("Let them eat bread," September 18) you do not mention letting the yeast rise in warm water and sugar before mixing it with flour in any of your recipes. Why is this? Can I not let it rise first?
I can only get fresh yeast on my kibbutz and that is how I always was told to work with yeast.
Why must I be sure to knead the dough clockwise? I have never heard of doing this before. Is it a custom or is there a scientific reason behind it?
– Adele Raemer, Kibbutz Nirim

Demerara sugar is a less refined version of sugar, as opposed to the standard brown sugar available here, which is refined sugar coated with molasses. Demerara sugar is light brown in color and a delicious addition to hot drinks and baked goods.

The recipes in the halla article, *other than my own, belong to the* woman I interviewed, Niva Weiss. Her method is to not proof the yeast first, whether she uses fresh yeast or not. When I use shimrit, which is granulated, I add it directly to the flour. When I use fresh yeast, I like to proof it first separately. I personally think it blends better, plus it's a way to check if it's really fresh and working.

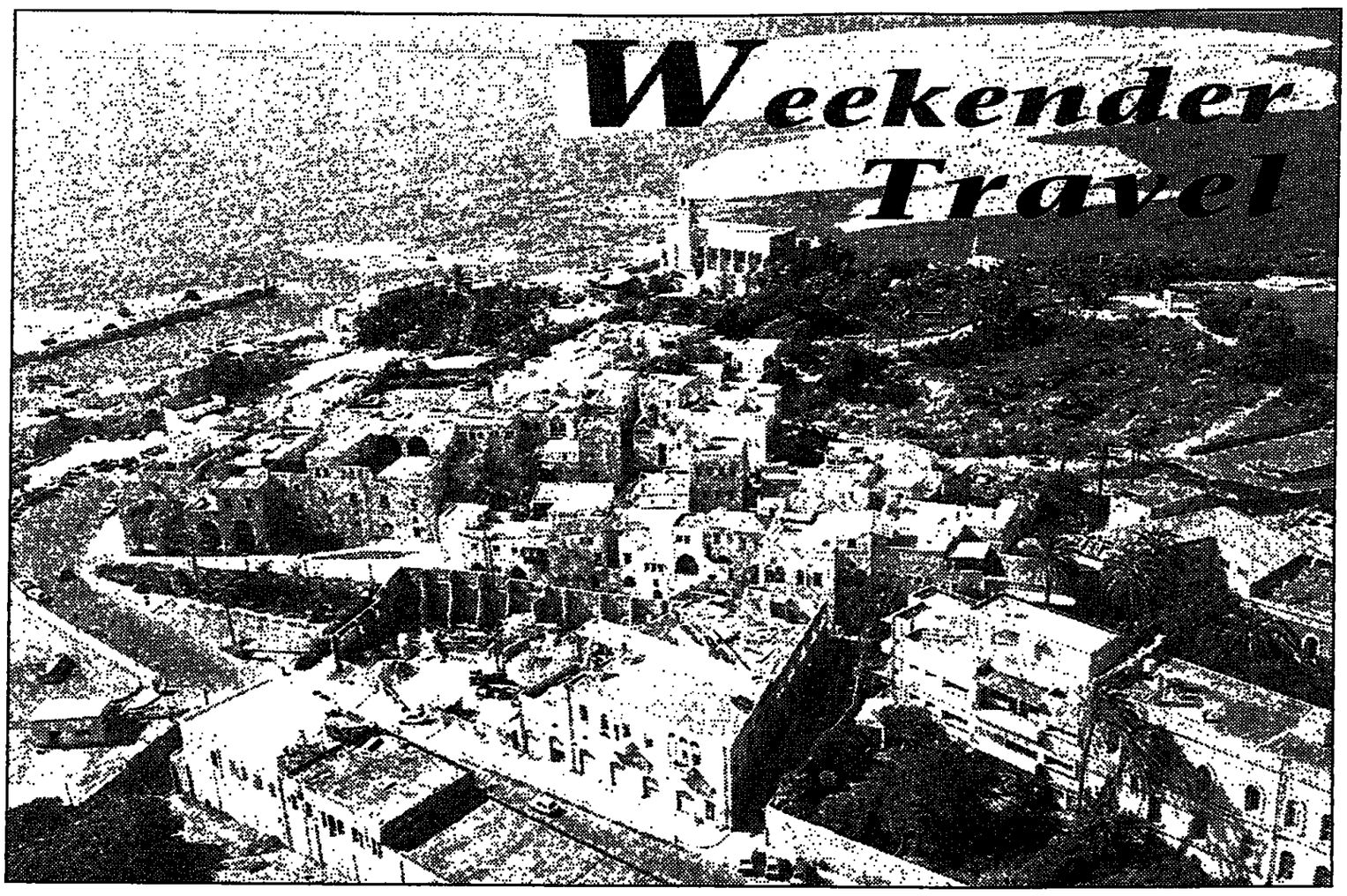
Kneading clockwise is really a custom rather than a rule. The purpose of it is to ensure that the kneader works in an even rhythm, distributing his/her efforts over the entire dough, rather than working on some parts more than others without realizing it.

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The splendor and squalor of Jaffa



Jaffa: a birds-eye view (Ron Erde)

Close EnCounters

By Allan Rabinowitz

You can explore compact old Jaffa, now part of Tel Aviv, for a half day or more, easily finding grit and glamour, dirt and development, fillets and falafel.

Located south of Tel Aviv's center, the approach to Jaffa is marked by an Ottoman clock tower. Built at the beginning of the 20th century to mark the 25th anniversary of the Turkish Sultan's rule, the tower witnessed the British conquest during World War I. Near the clock tower there was a wall protecting the port and the oldest portion of the city, and a gate, called the Jerusalem Gate, from which stretched the narrow and dangerous road to Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate.

Although smaller than Jerusalem, Jaffa has been as buffeted by the currents of history as it has been by those of sea and wind.

Walk west, up the hill from the clock tower. In the large building complex comprised of both Ottoman and Crusader elements, sits the Jaffa Museum, housing artifacts from the earliest Jaffa settlement (but hurry, it closes at 1 p.m.).

Continue up the hill to Kikar Kedumim and descend to the visitor center (free admission) beneath the plaza where displays broadly sketch the dramas which unfolded in this multi-layered port (a guide with a numbered map is available in the visitors' center and in the kiosk in Kikar Kedumim).

The Egyptians controlled a port here 3,500 years ago. Phoenicians shipped cedars from Lebanon here by sea then carried them overland to Jerusalem to be used in the construction of the First Temple by King Solomon.

The prophet Jonah set sail from this port to escape his mission from God. During the Hasmonean Revolt, the Jews of Jaffa were promised safe passage by ship, then treacherously drowned, prompting Judah the Maccabee to burn the port (some of the ruins date back to the Hasmonean rebuilding of the port).

The apostle Peter stayed in Jaffa at the house of Simon the tanner and had a vision encouraging the admission of pagans to the church. Peter's visit is marked by St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, the most striking building in the plaza. Tradition holds that an earlier church on the spot accommodated Napoleon when he besieged Jaffa in 1799 (at the southern end of the city stand segments of the city wall breached by Napoleon).

Narrow alleys lead down to the port. The route passes a house traditionally associated with Simon the tanner, which has for generations been in the possession of an Armenian family (and not officially open for visits).

At the port, where fishing and tourist boats bob along the quays, commercial shipping sailed until the 1960s, using a channel that had been blasted through the rocks in the previous century.

Turn left along the port and you'll find a surprising number of fish restaurants interspersed among old warehouses. Walk all the way to the end, and you can follow the stone breakwater along the other side of the port's channel all the way to where it juts into the Mediterranean.

According to Greek mythology, a beautiful nymph was once chained to one of those protruding rocks. Perseus beheaded the sea monster guarding Andromeda and the head tumbled into the sea and became the reefs of Jaffa. Perseus bore Andromeda to Jaffa, where they wed and lived happily.

Those rocks later prevented ships from approaching land, and in the 19th century pilgrims were lowered into boats to be rowed ashore, or carried upon the shoulders of porters. Looking back up the the hillside, terraced with old dwellings and religious institutions, you have the vantage point of the Jewish and Christian pilgrims who, for hundreds of years, entered the Holy Land from this port of entry.

If you climb back up the steps to Kikar Kedumim and keep going to the top of the hill, among the beautifully tended lawns, gardens and paths you can find a lovely view of Tel Aviv's spreading neighborhoods and high towers to the north. It is hard to believe that 90 years ago all this was sand dune, and the spot where you stand was the city.

In contrast to this glimpse at the beginning of modernity, if you walk east down the hill you will come to the remains of an Egyptian gateway dating back to the time of Ramses II, about 1250 BCE.

Just to the south of this hill, you can roam around the network of old Ottoman alleys now lined with shops and galleries displaying a wide variety of art, some of it of stunning quality. This neighborhood was a warren for crime, drugs and prostitution in the 1950s until its redevelopment in the 1960s. Yet its history, of course, is far richer than that.

Among these alleys stood some of the hostels that housed both Jewish and Christian pilgrims. At the western end of Simtat Mazal Dagim (across the staircase from the Toutouse Restaurant), stands a building that served as a hostel for Jews from 1740 and provided a synagogue as well (it was reopened by Libyan Jews after 1948 and is still in use).

Along Yefet Street, the main north-south road just east of this hill, are old soot-caked buildings which once housed some of the earliest offices of the major Zionist organizations. The first and second aliyot (waves of immigration) of early Zionists all landed here, among them David Ben-Gurion, writer S.Y. Agnon, artist Reuven Rubin and countless others. Many took one look at the teeming, squalid city and headed back to the ship.

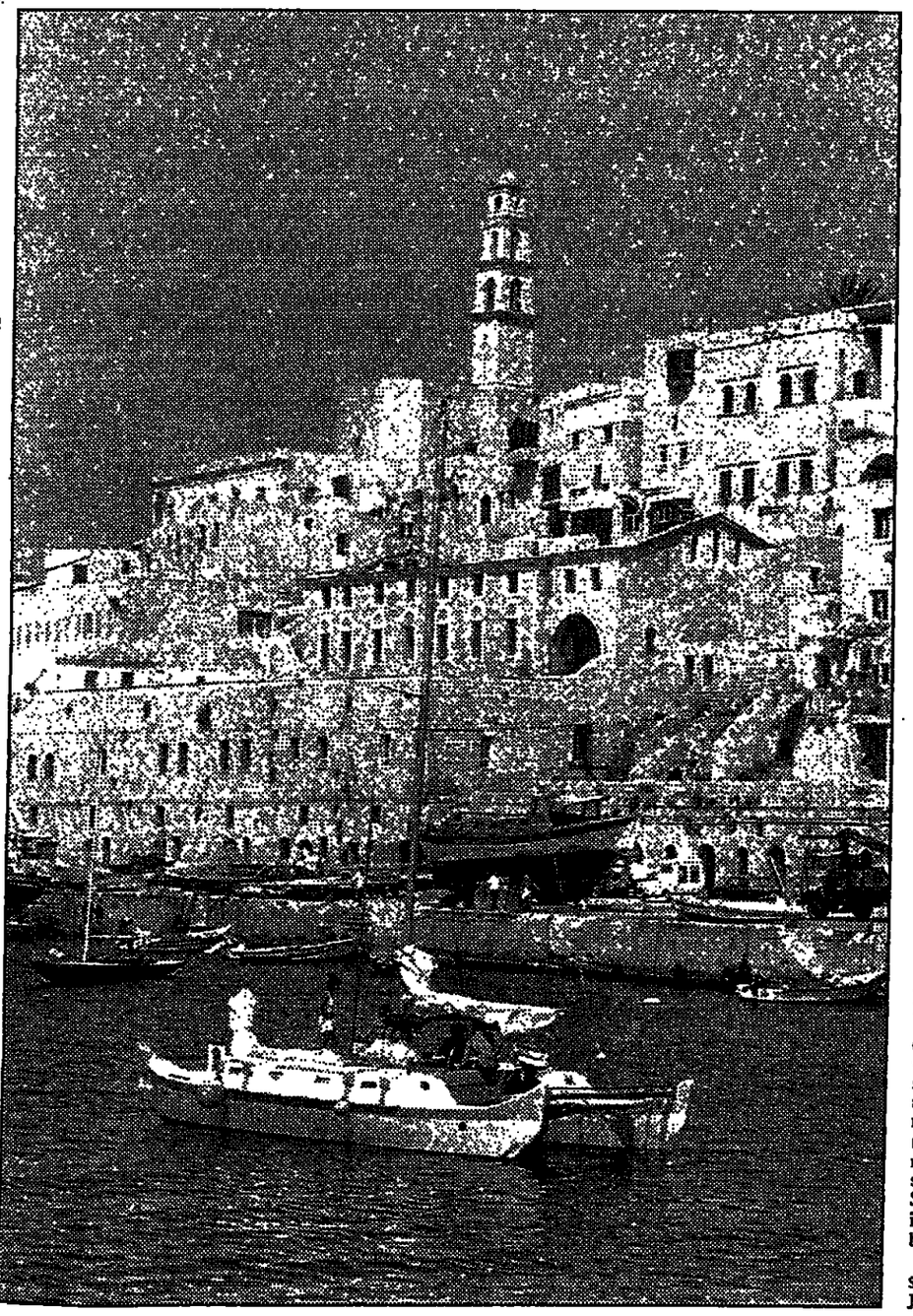
On the other side of Yefet Street, near the clock tower, begins the Jaffa flea market, where you can buy anything from antique furniture to broken wagon wheels, rusted iron filigree, toilets, tools, used shoes and X-rated videos. The buildings, with overhanging porches and elaborate stonework which once exuded 19th-century charm, are now dilapidated. The streets are filthy and the salesman brusque, slick hustlers, but the visual stimuli and the characters can be fascinating if you are in the right frame of mind.

If you follow Rehov Beit Eshel from the clock tower, turn right at the first side street and look for a long indoor aisle, where Tel Aviv locals can be seen browsing among stalls selling new, stylish clothes at presumably cut-rate prices.

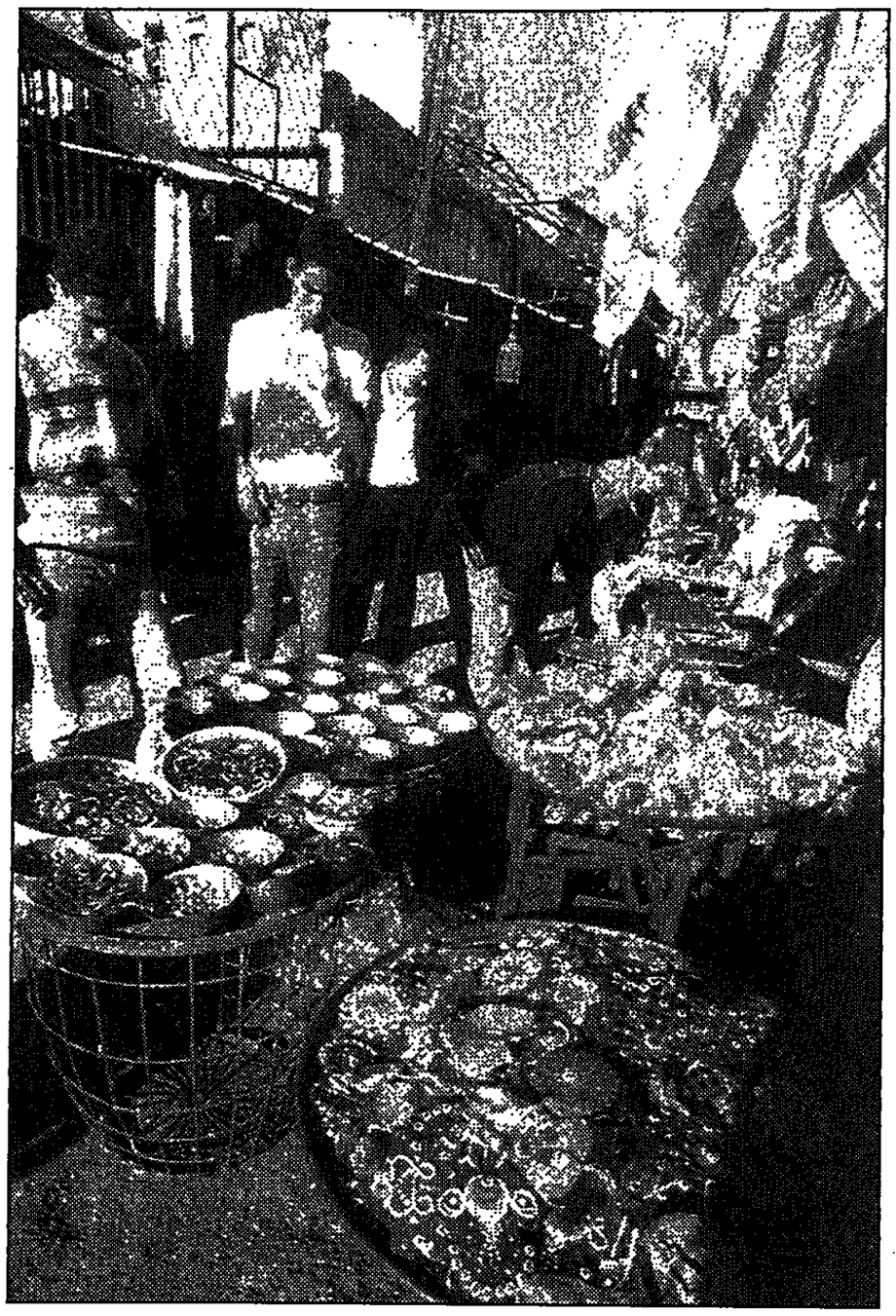
But most importantly, where else can you find a horse-drawn wagon piled with grain bags standing at a street corner beside a row of naked chipped mannequins, while a long-haired old man shuffles by in slippers, carrying a cup of tea in a saucer and singing Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely..."? Such a possibility in itself makes a flea-market browsing worthwhile.

From the Tel Aviv central bus station, the No. 45 bus reaches Jaffa.

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Phoenicians shipped cedars from Lebanon by sea to this historic port, then carried them overland to Jerusalem to be used in the construction of the First Temple by King Solomon; The prophet Jonah set sail from here to escape his mission from God. (Joel Fishman)



At the Jaffa flea market, you can buy anything from antique furniture to broken wagon wheels, rusted iron filigree, toilets and X-rated videos. (Sarit Uziely)



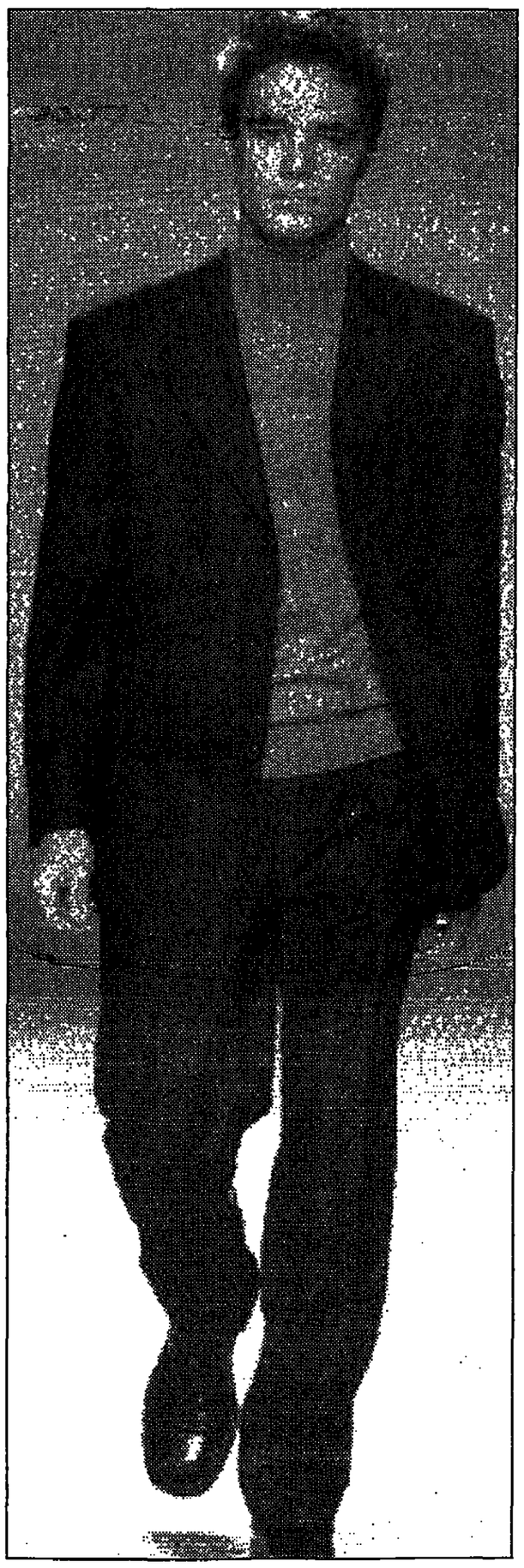
Right off the port you'll find a surprising number of fish restaurants interspersed among old warehouses. (Sarit Uziely)

Weekender Leisure

Keeping it Casual







(Above) The semi-fitted white shirt by Dorin Frankfurt illustrates this season's penchant for androgyny; (Below) Suit trends for men are more casual than formal, and stiff tailoring has given way to a softer, easier look.

Flair

By *Greer Fay Cashman*

IN JUST a few more days you'll be able to start comfortably wearing some of your new fall/winter acquisitions. Some people make a point of donning them for Rosh Hashana regardless of the temperature. But in a climate like Israel's, this is tantamount to creating your own Turkish bath.

Now, at least in the evenings, the weather seems okay for high-necked sweaters and lined and quilted jackets.

Fall/winter, at least in this part of the world, is more a suit season than spring/summer, and suit trends for both men and women are more casual than formal this year. Stiff tailoring has given way to a softer, easier and more comfortable look.

While many fashion-conscious men still prefer to team a shirt and tie with a suit – even one of the more sporty variety – turtleneck sweaters are increasingly becoming the vogue. Perhaps it's because they make men look more macho and women more feminine. That's certainly the message conveyed by designers such as Ralph Lauren and Hugo Boss.

Unlike shirts and blouses, which gape whenever they're a little too tight, sweaters adjust like another layer of skin to the shape of the body. And unless the body in question is grossly out of shape, sweaters tend to be more flattering than shirts.

Other areas of clothing in which men and women are on the same track include the semi-fitted white shirt and velvet jacket. While Dorin Frankfurt's velvet jackets in her D.F. menswear line are certainly theatrical, especially when paired with tone-on-tone satin shirts, they are still a long way from being formal. The cut of the jackets in her women's line suggests more fun than formality.

Frankfurt is a little more generous in her cut than some of her contemporaries, who are more inclined toward the long, lean look than the more roomy silhouette.

Even the most obviously casual attire tends to be fairly lean, with the exception of parkas and other sporty jackets.

Keeping it casual used to be a case of looking sloppy, letting it hang really loose to camouflage certain excesses. But casual this season has been finely honed. If you want to trot out in your new gear, get on the scale first to make sure you can wear it.

(Above) Dorin Frankfurt's velvet jackets in her D.F. menswear line are theatrical, especially when paired with tone-on-tone satin shirts; (Below) Turtleneck sweaters, like this one by Ralph Lauren, adjust like another layer of skin to the shape of the body.



Bridge

The green light

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North
♠Q 9 3
♥J
♦Q 10
♣A Q 10 9 7 6 3

West (Berger) East (Guttmann)
♠6 5 2 ♠A J 8 7 4
♥9 7 5 2 ♥8
♦A K 9 6 4 ♦8 7 5 3
♣4 ♣J 8 2

South
♠K 10
♥A K Q 10 6 4 3
♦J 2
♣K 5

West	North	East	South
-	1 ♣	pass	2 ♥
3 ♦	pass	4 ♠*	5 ♥
(all pass)			

*Fit-bid, spades and diamonds

Opening lead: ♦K

OVER the last decade, tournament bidding has become more and more aggressive and competitive. One reason is that people like to bid a lot.

Another is that there's a popular strategy in today's tournament world known as "Green Light." The strategy works like this: When you're not vulnerable versus vulnerable and the opponents have shown at least game-going values, you can bid more aggressively because they're not likely to double you – they would prefer to bid their game or slam. This is especially true at matchpoint (or Top-Bottom) play, where a score of plus 500 can be a bottom when compared with other pairs' scores of 600 or more for a vulnerable game.

Thus, when you are at favorable vulnerability, you can overcall and preempt with less strength than you normally would and try to *throw a monkey wrench into the opponents'* bidding. The danger of this strategy is that partner will take you for a real bid when you have a light one and you'll get too high, doubled, down four tricks for a bottom. Therefore, you must have an agreement with your partner that when you are "favorable" you may make "green light" bids.

An extension of this idea can be seen by studying today's deal. It was the first board of the semifinals of the World Open Pairs, played in September in Lille, France. The heroes are Heini Berger (sitting West) and Davies Guttmann (East), from Vienna. They were on the Austrian Maccabiah bridge team *last summer* in Jerusalem and Guttmann can usually be seen at the Tel Aviv Bridge Festival held each year in February. (By the way, this year the tournament begins January 28 and goes through the first week of February.)

The bidding began with a light one-club opening by North (a pre-empt of three clubs might better describe his hand) and a pass by Guttmann. South jump-shifted to two hearts, showing a slam-going hand. Now Berger made a brave three-diamond overcall and caught his partner with the perfect hand. Guttmann was able to bid four spades.

This interesting call is known as a "fit-showing jump." *Since East had* passed over one club, he was not likely to hold a long, strong spade suit. Thus, his jump to four spades described a hand with only five spades and diamond support. This contract would have been down one, so South was really fixed. If he had doubled, he would have received a poor score for plus 100 (others were making four hearts for plus 420). Instead, he bid five hearts, which became the final contract.

Berger led the king of diamonds and Guttmann gave count with the 8. This showed an even number of diamonds. Berger now cashed his ace of diamonds and switched accurately to a spade. Guttmann's ace was the setting trick.

To review, Green Light strategy (aggressive overcalls and pre-empts) is usually reserved for favorable vulnerability, where you are unlikely to be doubled by the opponents. But if you listen closely to your opponents' bidding and hear that they hold slam values, the *same strategy may be applied.* Just make sure partner is on the same wavelength. If you make such bids as West did without letting partner in on the secret (before you sit down to play), partner will think your bid is the real thing, and your Green Light strategy may crash.

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Chess

Alexander the great

By NIGEL SHORT

ALEXANDER Morozevich is the man, metaphorically speaking, on steroids this year, winning just about everything in sight, or perhaps I should say out of sight: Kishinev, Perm and Tomsk, the scenes of three of his recent triumphs, sound more like characters from "the Wombles" than venues for top-class chess tournaments. Apparently *though, he also plays in* more accessible places such as St Petersburg, which is where he has just won the Russian Championship.

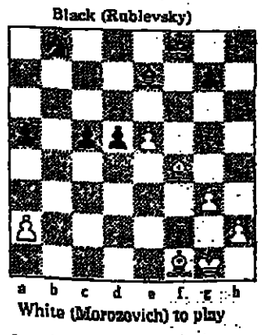
Morozevich can, perhaps, consider himself a little lucky in this event. He won from a dead lost position against Alisa Galliamova (the former Mrs. Ivanchuk) and the arbitrary (Bucholz) tie-break system worked narrowly in his favour.

I am not sure how he would have fared against Peter Svidler, had there been a play-off. Not too well I suspect. Still there was nothing the least bit fortunate about this important game against the highly ranked Sergei Rublevsky. It is a fine demonstration of the power of the two bishops.

White: Morozevich
Black: Rublevsky
St Petersburg, 7.8. 1998

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. ♘c3 a6 4. g3 b5 5. ♗g2 ♗b7 6. d3 This is the sort of rubbish I have tried myself against Kasparov when I have been short of something better to play. White's slow build-up does though have the advantage of often being underestimated. 6. ...d6 7. 0–0 ♘f6 8. ♗g5 with the purpose of achieving the f4 advance. 8. ...b4 9. ♘e2 ♘e7 10. f4 d5 11. e5 ♘fd7 12. ♘f3 ♘c6 13. c4! A nice thematic thrust posing the question to the black centre. 13. ...bxc3 14. bxc3 a5?! Not relevant at this juncture. Castling makes more sense. 15. ♖b1 ♖b8 16. f5! ♘c8 It was not absolutely clear that the pawn was taboo e.g. 16. ...cxf5 17. ♘f4 g5 18. e6 gxf4 19. exd7+ ♕xd7 20. ♘xf4 although White would have a significant initiative for his negligible investment. 17. ♖xb8 ♘dxb8 18. fxe6 ♘xe6 19. ♘f4 Here goes the bishop; it is needed to support the d-pawn and therefore cannot retreat. 19. ...0–0 20. ♘xe6 fxe6 21. ♘f4 ♘a6 22. ♕a4 ♕d7 23. ♖b1 ♖b8 24. ♖xb8+ ♘axb8 25. ♕b5 Black's postion is decidedly unpleasant. For a while Rublevsky makes a good bash at defending it. 25. ...♕c8 26. c4 ♕a6! 27. ♘h3 ♔f7 28. ♕b1 Changing fronts. 28. a3!? was also an idea. 28. ...dxc4 29. dxc4 ♕xc4 30. ♕xh7 ♘d4 31. ♕h5+ ♔f8 32. ♘f1! ♘xf3+ 32. ...♕xa2? allows 33. ♘xd4 cxd4 34. ♕h8+ ♔f7 35. ♕xb8 33. ♕xf3 ♕d5 34. ♕xd5 exd5

Black (Rublevsky)



White (Morozovich) to play

A beginner might consider the Black position to be reasonable, or better even, in view of the two connected passed pawns. In fact it is totally lost. 35. ♘b5! Nailing the knight to the board. 35. ...g5 36. ♘d2 ♘d8 37. e6 c4 38. ♔f1 Moving over just to keep an eye on the pawns. They are not going anywhere fast. 38. ...a4 39. ♔e2 ♘f6 40. ♘b4+ ♔e7 41. ♘a5 ♘d6 42. ♘d8 g4 43. e7+ ♘xe7 44. ♘c7 The knight is lost. Black's pawns will follow soon so therefore he resigned.

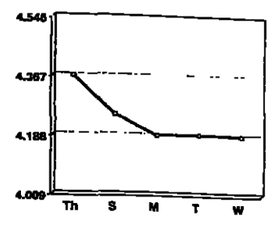
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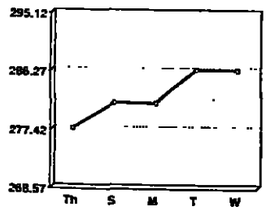
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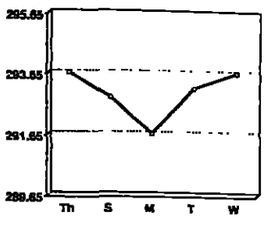
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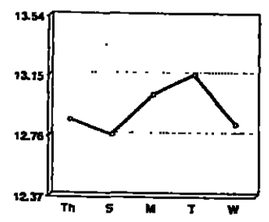
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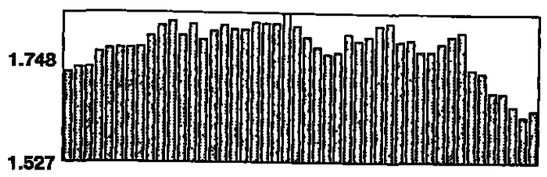
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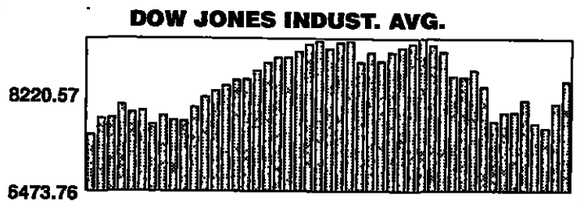


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Koor increases ECI stake

Koor Industries yesterday announced it has increased its stake in ECI Telecom to 19.5 percent. Israel's largest holding company acquired 498,400 shares for a price of $30 to $35 per share by exercising options on the Chicago Board of Options. In addition the conglomerate has exercised an option it had given to US investment house Lehman Brothers and had purchased another 197,520 shares at $35 each. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Israir leases jet planes for $40m.

Israir has yesterday announced that it has leased two Boeing 737-700 jet planes for some $40 million. The company leased the planes from a European company, which it declined to name. Israir will use the planes for its flights between Tel Aviv and Eilat and on charter flights to Europe. The company said that the agreement is for five years. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Moody's gives Lebanese banks low rating

Moody's Investors Service, the US ratings agency, reiterated its poor rating for Lebanon's banks due to their reliance on government debt for profit rather than consumer and corporate lending, *The Daily Star* newspaper reported. Due to a lack of sound balance sheets, Lebanese banks don't warrant a financial strength rating of "D+" or higher, the report said. Moody's said the banking system in Lebanon is "far too complacent" about the exposure of the nation's banks to Treasury bill debt and the risks of government default and a currency devaluation, the report said.

Lebanon's central bank has urged the 70 commercial banks to consolidate in a nation that before 1975, when a 16-year civil broke out, was a financial center of the Middle East. *Bloomberg*

Statistics bureau:

Factory investments drop 3%

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Imports of investment goods bound for the country's factories declined three percent in September, according to a wide range of economic data published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

At the same time, the report on activity in August and September, highlighted a stabilization in the number of unemployed, a low growth rate in industrial production, and a considerable rise in inflation.

The bureau issued a rider with the statistics, saying that there is tremendous volatility in the percentage changes across the board, from one month to the next. "This situation makes in difficult to analyze the different trends and in particular spotting turning points in activity."

September's 3% decline in the import of investment goods, a traditional sign of economic slowdown, was specifically felt in the import of machinery (down 10%). On the other hand, there was an increase in the import of vehicles. The 3% fall was far less sharp than the 9%–13% decline seen during the four previous months.

Unemployment has stabilized, according the bureau, having changed little since April. This statement was made on the basis of the earliest figures for August unemployment. Meanwhile, the number of employees, including foreign workers not from the territories, increased 1% in July and August, having remained stable since January.

Industrial production increased 2% in each of the three months to September 1, following rises of 3%–4% from January to May. The main cause of the limited overall growth here is proving to be stability in the construction and heavy industries, offset by positive growth in the electric, electronics, plastics, chemicals, textiles, and clothing industries.

Foreign tourist nights in Israeli hotels increased by only 2% after jumps of 8%–19% during the previous six months. However, this pattern is still an improvement on the figures that began declining at the end of 1995 and were further hit by the terrorist attacks in early spring 1996.

Trade exports, excluding diamonds, shrank 7% in September, after declines of 10%–14% in the previous three months. Trade imports, excluding diamonds, fuel, ships, and aircraft, continued to decline, a run that began in February.

During August and September the shekel's exchange rate against the basket of major currencies depreciated 48% in annual terms. The consumer price index reached an annualized 8% in September, having steadily risen since it stood at 2% between January and March.

Soros still holding stake in El-Rov

By DAN GERSTENFELD

US-based financier George Soros has yet to shed his holdings in the El-Rov Israel real-estate company, despite his decision to close his emerging-market fund.

Two funds managed by the Hungarian-born investment guru currently hold some 25.2 percent of El-Rov, the TASE traded company which is controlled by businessman Alfred Akirov. The funds, Quantum Emerging Growth and Emerging Dolphin, purchased 14.4% of El-Rov on December 1996 and increased their stake gradually since then.

The funds have purchased the shares for sums ranging between NIS 10 to NIS 22 per share, compared with NIS 18 at the opening of the trading day yesterday.

The announcement by Soros last week that he plans to close the Emerging Growth Funds has prompted speculation he is looking to sell all his holdings in El-Rov, although it was reported the Soros's flagship Quantum Fund, which has assets of $8.7 billion, would likely assume positions held by the emerging market fund.

Industry sources predict that the fund will approach Akirov in attempt to sell its stake. Akirov said, however, that he did not receive such an offer and has not been approached by Quantum. "I have no idea," said Akirov. "They haven't been in touch with me for some time."

Despite the fact that Soros funds have averaged a 34% annual return since 1969, his investments so far in Israeli companies have been less impressive.

Soros has also invested in wireless operator Geotek Technologies, which recently asked a US court for Chapter 11 protection against creditors, and graphic-design developer Indigo, which is currently traded well below the price Soros paid for its shares.

El-Rov is a public property-development and investment company with subsidiaries in the real-estate, hi-tech, industry, tourism and investment fields.



Touch n' bet
Angelo and Assunta Moscetti check the touch-sensitive screen of the new Super Enalotto ticketing machine 'Extrema' at their Rome tobacconist yesterday. The jackpot for the day's Super Enalotto draw reached a record 50 billion Italian lira ($30.6 million). (AP)

Gov't seeks 2-year minimum-wage freeze

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

This year's budgetary arrangements bill includes a proposal to prevent a real increase in the minimum wage for the next two years.

The Treasury bill, which accompanies the 1999 state budget states: "The minimum wage in Israel is one of the highest in the Western world and in recent years has been one of the main reasons for the layoff of workers, mainly in the labor intensive industries."

The Treasury's calculations suggest that unless this legislation is accepted, the minimum wage will increase by three percent above the expected inflation rate in 1999. The Treasury is proposing that the increase for the next two years be merely in line with the rise in inflation. The ministry has set a 1999 inflation target of 4%.

For the last two years, the ministry has attempted to pass similar legislation, but MKs on both sides of the house, lead by Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz (Labor) and Labor and Social Affairs Committee chairman Maxim Levy (Gesher) have defeated any such move.

"I will oppose this proposal, especially in light of the present uncertainty in the consumer price index and consequently the average wage," said Peretz. "If [Finance Minister Yaakov] Neeman can't control the wages of senior public officials, then he mustn't be allowed to do this to the workers."

The Treasury's prediction is for unemployment to rise next year to as much as 9.3%, compared to the predicted 9.1% for 1998. This assumes the status quo remains. However, a slowdown in the rise of the minimum wage would lead to a slowdown in the increase in unemployment, according to Neeman's spokesman Motti Sherf. This would not necessarily result in an actual cut in the jobless total though, he added.

Brussels to see first Israeli share offer

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Pro-Laser, a Rosh Ha'ayin based developer of systems for automatic optical inspection, intends to become the first Israeli company to go public on the Brussels Nouveau Marche stock market.

The company wishes to raise some 330 million Belgian francs ($9.7m.) on the American-style European market, based on a price of 330 francs per share. The company has an option to add another 150,000 shares to the offering, in which some 25 percent of the company would be floated.

Pro-Laser was founded as part of the Advanced Technologies Center at Temed Industrial Park next to Dimona in April 1992 and since 1994 operates as a private company.

The Nouveau Marche is part of the Euro N.M market, an alliance between the stock markets of Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam designed as pan-European network of stock markets for high-growth innovative companies. The European bourse is aimed at attracting European high-tech companies which in the past had to raise capital in the US.

Brazil to cut spending, taxes

BRASILIA (Bloomberg) – Brazil said yesterday it will cut spending and raise taxes to slash its $60 billion budget deficit by about 40 percent in a bid to bolster its currency and win aid from international lenders.

The measures, worth 28 billion reais ($23.5 billion) next year, should pave the way for $30 billion in aid from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other lenders.

Brazil needs the money to bolster foreign exchange reserves that have fallen by $30 billion in recent months as investors pulled capital out of the country over concern the real might be devalued.

"We are fully capable of facing up to financial turbulence through actions on the domestic front," Finance Minister Pedro Malan said. "The challenge is set. [Without these steps,] we're on the road to fiscal insolvency."

Concern that Brazil, the world's ninth largest economy, may be forced to let its currency slide even as interest rates of more than 40% threaten to topple the economy into recession helped drive down global stock markets and the US dollar today.

The measures were in line with investor expectations.

Analysts said, however, that confidence will remain shaky until it becomes clear that the Brazilian congress will approve them.

"Now all eyes are off Malan and his economic team and on the congress," said Carl Ross, head of Latin American sovereign research at Bear, Stearns & Co.

The measures include 15.9 billion reais in tax increases, 8.7 billion reais in government spending cuts and cuts in social security spending, such as pensions, to save 3.5 billion reais.

Projected savings will grow to 34 billion reais in 2000 and 38 billion reais in 2001.

Even if Brazil succeeds in restoring investor confidence, it will take time for interest rates to decline. That means it's probably too late for the country to avoid slipping into recession. The economy will shrink 1% in 1999, the government said, after expanding 0.5% this year. Growth should rebound to 3% in 2000, 4% in 2001.

Specific measures include an increase in a financial transaction tax to 0.38% for 1999, from 0.20%. The rate would fall to 0.30% in 2000. This applies on all transactions, including checks and bank withdrawals.

Retired government workers, now tax exempt, will begin to be taxed at a rate of 11% on their pensions. The total raised from taxes on government employees is about $3.6 billion.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, speaking in a televised address Tuesday night, said the measures would help restore confidence in the nation's currency. Speculation that the deficit would force Brazil to devalue has prompted an exodus of $30 billion in the past two months.

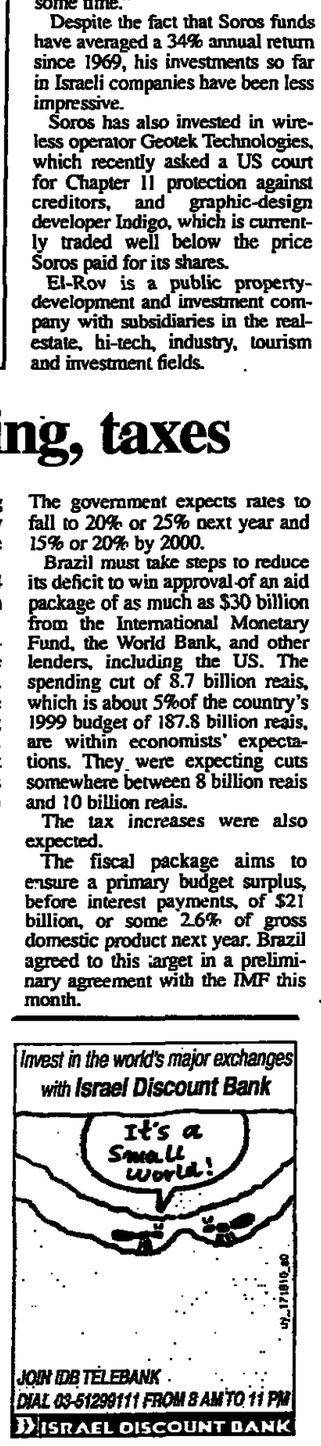
Running a deficit has also forced Brazil to maintain high interest rates to keep the real strong. Overnight lending rates of 42% have dampened consumer spending, prompted companies to lay off workers and threaten to throw the economy into recession next year.

The government expects rates to fall to 20% or 25% next year and 15% or 20% by 2000.

Brazil must take steps to reduce its deficit to win approval of an aid package of as much as $30 billion from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other lenders, including the US. The spending cut of 8.7 billion reais, which is about 5% of the country's 1999 budget of 187.8 billion reais, are within economists' expectations. They were expecting cuts somewhere between 8 billion reais and 10 billion reais.

The tax increases were also expected.

The fiscal package aims to ensure a primary budget surplus, before interest payments, of $21 billion, or some 2.6% of gross domestic product next year. Brazil agreed to this target in a preliminary agreement with the IMF this month.



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Feldman	150.3	0
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Feldman Ind.	250	0
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Hadar Ins. 5	3600	0
Hadarim Bond1	121.4	0
Hadarim Warrant1	860	0
Hagal	385	0
Hajjai Bond B	161	0
Hamelor	273	0
Hanal	8	3.9
Harel Bond A	478	0
Hasan Esh	650	0
Hason	260	0
Hatehot 1	257	0
Hatehot Bond A	144.4	0
Hayal	1200	0
Hayal Bond2	125	12.6
Hayal Warrant 1	82.5	0
Heid Arzi Musac	336	0.6
Hiron 1	9700	0
Hiron 5	36300	0
HL Service Bond 2	191	0
HL Service Bond 3	154	0
HL Services	1679	0
Hod	*714*	*0*
Hot	850	0
Hotel	130	0
Home Center.	5600	0
Hydrofiow	98	0
IES Industries	355	0
IES Warrant 1	16.5	0
Ilan Gal	118	0
Ilan Gal Bond A	148	0
ILDC Bond 6	268	-0.4
ILDC Hotels	440	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	179.5	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	126	53.7
ILDC Insurance	395	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	*144.5*	0.7
Imco	860	-3.3
Ind Bld Warrant 3	27	20
Ind Bldgs Pri	8.6	0
Ind.Dev.Bank G	352	5.4
Ind.Dev.Bank GC	3360	*0*
Ind.Dev.Bank GC 1	3300	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1400	0
Independence Mort	77000	0
Intercosma	700	0
Intergamma 1	3250	0
Intergamma 5	12000	0.8
Inventech	560	1.8
Isoal	1348	0
Ispro	4100	0
Isracolor	329	0
Israel Corp. 5	142900	-0.8
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	145.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	*185.8*	*0*
Israkom	890	0
Israkom Bond C	90	0
Israrnico	2.6	0
Isras 1	6900	0
Isras 5	28500	0
Isras Bond A	268	0
ISTA LINES	2200	0
Itay	3000	0
Itay Bond 1	*71.2*	*1.3*
Itay Warrant 1	275	0
Jakora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	150.5	0
Jaysour Bond A	109.5	0
JEC Bond B	100	1.2
Jerusalem Mort	174.9	-4.9
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	172.5	0
Jeyneasa	30.2	0
JOEL	77	0
JOEL Bond 1A	234	2.2
JOEL Bond 2	140	4.1
JOEL Bond A	234	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.2	-16.5
Kadmarit	130	0
Kadouri	512	4.9
kafnce bond b	88	0
kafnce warrant 1	81	0
Kahn	1178	0
Kalkalit Bond A	*84.5*	-1
Kalkalit warrant 2	183	2.2
Kamour	420	0
Kamour Bond G	141.8	0
Kamsept	880	-1.8
Kanot Warrant G	1.1	*0*
Kanicot	90	0
Kanicot Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	480	0
Kardan 5	2350	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	3850	0
Kenitex	345	0
Kasher	783	0
Kasher Bond A	1352	0
Keter	685	0
Kinf	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	41	-8.5
King	273	0
Kinneret	189	0
Kisch Kinir	165	-4.6
Kishrat Teuta	1049	-4.5
Kital	920	4.8
Kital Bond A	160.1	0
Kital Bond A	118.8	0
Kiti Ind. 5	6500	0
Koor Bond 5	147.4	1.8
Kopel	263	0
Kopel Bond 1	250	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	110	0
Lachish	2630	0
Lamont	900	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	-2
Lasers	362	0
Lavlav	511	0
Lazmick Bldg	430	-1.1
Lazmick Comm Cbrs	*148*	*0*
Lazmick Commercial Centres Bond	131.5	0
Lazmick Bldgs	280	0
Lazmick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	139.5	0.7
Lego	450	-2.2
Leumi Warrant 5	*37.4*	*-1.3*
Leventhal	660	10
Levi	429	2.5
Levi Bond A	148	-1.7
Lsw Bond B	86	0
Levi Warrant 2	51.9	0
Leviraslan Bond A	96.5	1.6
Leviraslan Warrant 2	646	0
Levinstein	1530	0
Liber	301	-2.9
Lidan	1290	0.4
Litshir 1	144.9	0
Litshir 5	519	0
Ligad	300	0
Ligad Bond 1	156	0
Lighterage 1	640	0.8
LMS	260	0
Lipman	2210	9.9
Lipski	2700	0.7
Lipski Bond A	*174*	*0.6*
Lirez Bond A	142	0
Lodan	90	-4.3
Lodzia 1	1316	0
Lodzia 4	4800	11.6
Lohet Gadi	24.2	0
Lohet Gadi Bond 1	144	0
Lumir	3400	0
Ma'anw	2370	0
Ma'anw Bond A	*134.6*	0
Masbaron	1184	1.2
Maspell	540	0
Maspell Bond A	154	-0
Maspell Bond B	140	0
Maspell Bond C	*78.9*	*0.3*
Maspell Warrant 3	50	0
Mefil	554	0
Magam	111.5	0
Magam Bond A	173.1	0
Magam Bond B	135.5	0.4
Magaiv	126	-8.4
Magma	42.1	0
Magor 1	1869	-5.1
Magor 5	7500	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	89	-1.1
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	441	0
Maiki	291	0
Mail	87	-9.4
Malta	*666*	*-3.2*
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	231	0
Mamur	33.9	0
Marathon	86	-6.5
Marathon insured	99.6	-0.6
Mano Lazmick Constr. Bond 1	164	0
Mano Lazmick Constr. Bond 2	155	2.6
Mansmns Bank	1460	0.8
Mantsma Bank Bond B	*149.2*	*0.1*
Mashav	688	0
Mashbir	630	0
Mashov	345	-2.8
Mashov	170	0
Matam	*1386*	*0*
Maxav Warrant 1	1200	0
Maxima 1	405	0
Maxima 5	1370	0.7
Mazpak	880	0
Med. Hotels	28	0
Mediachnica	552	0
Mediachnica Bond A	143.5	1.1
Mediachnica Bond B	84	0
Mediachnica Warrant 2	*70*	*2.9*
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	57.5	-4.2
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	495	4.2
Meir Ezra	2470	-1.2
Meir Ezra Bond B	269	0
Melet	266	0
Melisseron Bond B	94	1.1
Melisseron Warrant 3	36	0
Mendelson	189	0
Menofim	36.4	0
Menorah Ins. 5	7600	0
Mercazit	895	0
Merhav	150	0
Meytavi	185	0
Middle East Tube	300	-5.1
Middle East Tube Bond A	115.1	0.4
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	14	0
Milmor Bond A	147.8	5.6
Milkomay Bond B	*78*	*-1.3*
Millomar Warrant 2	120	0
Mimsar	72.9	0
Man Line	678	0
Minrav	12580	0.7
Mirage	216	0
Mirage Bond A	139.8	0
Mirage Warrant 1	2	0
Miromit	60	0
Mishmarl	19	0
Mishmael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	147.5	-0.3
Mishor Hahof	332	0.9
Mirerani	200	0
Mivtach Shamir	*1891*	*0.9*
Mivtach Shamir	1080	0
Mizrahi	738	-1.7
Mizrahi warrant 1	143	-1.5
Mizrahi warrant 2	75	-5.8
MM Engineering	112	0
MM Engineering Bond A	81	-10
Modgal	664	0
Mod'in	1.6	0
Moffet	165.8	0
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	213	0
Molatt	946	0
More Plastic Ind.	348	0
Moshkowz	133	0
MTI Computers	390	*0*
Mul-T-Lock	662	0
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	40.1	-4.5
Naphtha	32	6.7
Naphtha Oil Exp.	29.5	0
Natour	600	1.2
NATSVA BOND A	111	0
Navigator	341	0
Navigator Property	775	*0.9*
Nechushtan Bond B	67.5	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	138	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	*29.2*	*0*
Negev Ceramics	172	0
Nehushtan 1	583	-2.8
Nehushtan 5	2650	0
Neot Aviv	6200	0
Nesua	470	0
Neve Arbel	163	0
Nevim Hotels	330	0
Neviot	733	0
Nia	195	*0*
Nikuv	890	0
Nisco	2700	-1.8
Nissan	252	0
NMC	240	3.4
Noga	1330	0
Noga Insorens	87	-2.2
Nordan	12.2	0
Norden Tech	400	0
Norlolk	850	*0*
Norlolk Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	940	0
Oceana	289	0
Ocil Bond A	189.5	0.3
Ocil Bond C	91.5	1.1
Ocil Warrant 2	670	0
Odowa	490	0
Ofek	200	0
Ofer Bro	5920	0
Offis	1005	0
Ogdan	81	0
Ohaliav	480	0
Oil Fields	1	0
Old-Dok	250	3.3
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	191	0
Ophir	320	4.6
Ophir Tours	850	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optime	130	0
Orasys	3160	0
Orazit	373	0
Orazit Bond A	*183.8*	*0*
Orda	3100	5.1
Orda Bond 1	183	0.5
Orav	750	0
Orkal	460	0
Orlas	314	0
Orlite Bond A	91.5	-1.3
Orlite Warrant 2	28.8	3.6
Ormat Industries Bond D	135	-1.5
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	107	*0*
Orbal	334	0
Otzar Hashilton	24900	-0.8
Oz	169.8	0
Oz attide	379	0
Packer Steel	5150	-2.6
Pallough	591	0
PAM	370	0
Pama	698	0
Pamas	2200	0
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	710	-0.1
Pardes Bond A	61	-3.2
Passport	1905	0
Paz Chen	365	0
PCB	1140	-1.2
Pelan Investment	54.5	0
Pereg	122	0
Perkolee	585	0.8
Phoenix Ins. 5	19950	17.4
Plcs Plast	375	0
Pilat	152	0
Pinros	132	0
Pinros Bond A	*144.6*	0
Plskit	400	0
Plasson bond e	100	0
Plasson warrant 1	301	5.6
Plasson	3940	0
Plastic Sinz	650	0
Plastic Shack Bond A	83	0
Plastic Shack Warrant 2	103	0
Psalim Inv. Bond B	99.2	0
Psalim Inv. Warrant 3	1950	0
Psalim Investments Bond A	*145.7*	0
Point of Sale	2300	4.5
Polak	269	0
Polgat A	311	0
Polgat B 4	1217	-2.2
Polygon	222	0
Polygon Bond 2	227	0
Poraz	180	-3.6
Port	75.3	9.9
Poseidon	109.5	0.9
Pri Hasmak	12.3	0
Pri Hasmak Bond A	26.4	0
Pritzker	218	0
Pritzker Bond A	142.5	0
Pritzker	360	0
Profit Bond A	132.8	0
Python	426	0
Quality Cap Mkts	333	-10
Rabamex	205	0
Ram Zur	83	0
Ramgor 1	256	0
Ramgor 4	671	0
Rapak	2340	-1.7
Rapak Bond A	163	0
Rassco	1165	-0.8
Ratio	1	0
Rav Cer	93	0
Ravad	196	0
RDC	1026	0
RDC Bond A	150	0
Red Sea Hotels	693	2
Regency	97	-4.3
Regency Bond 1	133	0
Regent	463	0
Regent Bond A	147	0
Relish	440	0
Reshet	65	0
Reshet Bond B	118	0
Rimoni	799	0
Rogosin	1060	0
Rogozin Bond A	79	-0.6
Rogozin Warrant B	152.7	1.8
Romtech	430	0
Rosebud	78	2.6
Rosantel	*108*	0
Rotem	348	-8.2
Rosshtein	130	-0.7
Rosshtein Bond A	140	23
RSL	630	0.7
Sadot Mop Bond A	102.5	0
Sagie Prop. Bond 1	37.5	2.1
Sahar Bond a	98	0
Sahar Dev.	2450	0

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TASE ends mixed; Nice leads decliners

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks were mixed yesterday, with gains by Koor Industries, the country's largest industrial concern, offset by declines in shares of Nice Systems, which extinguished speculation of a takeover.

Koor rose 3.77 percent to NIS 330, buoyed by greater-than-expected earnings at ECI Telecommunications, in which it holds an 18 percent stake. Nice dropped 7.68 percent to 81.70 after US-based Comverse Technology Inc., said it wouldn't buy its rival in the call-center market.

That left the the Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies down 0.02 percent at 286.20.

Eleven stocks fell and eight rose.

"Nice was gaining all week, but it ran out of gas when the takeover talk was put to rest," said Ira Slomowitz, a trader at Israel Brokerage and Investments.

Clal Electronics, which owns 19 percent of ECI, also climbed, gaining 2.2 percent to NIS 511. ECI, Israel's largest maker of telecommunications systems, said third-quarter profit before a one-time charge rose 33 percent as sales improved.

Nice had risen 50 percent since it hit a low of 54.20 on October 13, and soared 9 percent yesterday, as speculation mounted about a takeover attempt by Comverse. The stock plunged yesterday after both companies denied talk of a buyout.

Among other stocks that gained, Bezeq rose 1.64 percent to NIS 12.39. Israel's largest telephone company said it is about to sign a strategic cooperation agreement with an unspecified multinational company.

Bank Leumi fell 1.81 percent to NIS 5.47. The Bank of Israel is investigating a complaint that Bank Leumi, Israel's No. 2 bank by assets, has delayed processing of applications for the new Visa-Alpha credit card.

Europe

European stocks fell for the first time this week, led by Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. and Allianz AG. Companies that led gainers in the past two days fell the most, on concern slowing world economic growth means their prices aren't justified by their profit outlooks.

"There are still doubts about US growth and its impact on Europe," said Wilfred Lagarde, who helps manage $700 million at Jean-Pierre Pinatton in Paris. "That makes me extremely cautious. If a stock rises a lot, I'll take my profit."

The Bloomberg Europe 500 Index fell 3.8 points, or 2.1 percent, to 176.60, posting its biggest loss in three weeks and paring its gains in the past two weeks to 3.8 percent.

Concern about the stability of Brazil's currency and economy pushed down Banco Bilbao Vizcaya SA and other companies that do business in Latin America. BBV, Spain's No. 2 bank, fell 100 pesetas to 1,810. Telefonica SA, Spain's main telephone company which is also the biggest phone company in Brazil, fell 110 pesetas to 6,270.

Allianz, Europe's second-biggest insurer, fell 16 marks to 547, paring Tuesday's 17.45-mark gain. Royal Dutch, which owns 60 percent of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, fell 2.4 guilders to 88.7, paring Tuesday's 4.5 guilder rise. UBS SA, Europe's biggest bank, fell 3.5 Swiss francs to 349. Until yesterday (Wed.), it had gained 30 percent this month. ING Groep NV fell 3.2 guilders to 84.9.

Australian stocks rose as lower-than-expected third quarter inflation fueled hopes the central bank will cut interest rates. Hopes for lower rates also boosted stocks in Thailand and Singapore.

National Australia Bank Ltd. and Telstra Corp. led as Australia's All Ordinaries rose 32.3 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2615.2, its highest since Sept. 24. Singapore's benchmark index rose 2.3 percent and Thailand's rose 3.5 percent.

"Uppermost in people's minds is the interest rate cycle and they've set their equity portfolios in order to exploit an easing in rates," said Justin Arter, director of research at J B Were & Son in Melbourne. He favors Telstra and major banks over resource stocks because of concern global growth may slow and has a year-end target for the index of 2720.

Asia

In other markets, Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 2.2 percent led by Sony Corp. The world's second-largest consumer electronics maker cut its full-year earnings forecast after the market closed due to a stronger yen, a move anticipated by many investors. Taiwan's benchmark index fell 1.1 percent on concern banks would have their credit ratings downgraded.

Australia's consumer price index, the benchmark rate for inflation, rose 0.2 percent in the three months to September, compared with the 0.5 percent average forecast of analysts.

Australian banks gained on hopes a cut in the Reserve Bank's cash rate, currently 5 percent, will boost economic growth and lending volumes. National Australia Bank, the nation's largest bank, rose 1.9 percent to $A21.10. Telstra, Australia's dominant telephone company, rose 1.6 percent to A$6.31. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Most stocks fell yesterday, but bellwether technology stocks rose sharply and the Dow industrials edged higher after three sessions of profit-taking.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 5.93 points higher at 8,371.97. Broader stock indexes also closed higher, but declining issues outnumbered advancers overall.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq posted the biggest gains, led by Dell Computer, Intel, and Sun Microsystems. Similarly, the Dow's strongest gainers included IBM and Hewlett-Packard.

After rebounding sharply in the past few weeks, the market has lost momentum in recent days amid worries that the global economy remains too troubled to justify higher stock prices.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 2.79 to 1,068.13, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 19.72 to 1,737.35.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,458 up, 1,530 down, and 523 unchanged. Nasdaq advancers finished with a small lead over decliners.

NYSE volume totaled 675.17 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 757.18 million in the previous session.

The NYSE composite index fell 0.12 to 527.65, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 2.14 to 634.52. (AP)

	LAST	CHANGE*
as Utilities	44.0625	-0.25
tron	72.8125	+0.5
otel	-	-
xmas & Beds	42.25	-0.5625
eeCom	33.7813	+1.09375
ie Warner	90.5	+1.125
ies-Minor	53.625	-0.8125
ken	17	-0.125
chmark	40.375	-0.1875
co Corp	26.5625	-0.5625
s R Us	17.1875	-0.4375
nsamerica	101	-0.1875
nsco Energy	50.875	-0.5
vellers Grp	-	-
zune	55.5	-0.1875
on Energy	10.625	-0.125
IA	4.875	+0
ro Intl Ltd	62.125	-2.0625
er	7.1875	-0.0625
L Corp	60.125	-0.625
IG Corp	47.75	-0.625
IT Inc	93.25	-0.75
IK Marathon	31.4375	-1.4375
IM-US Steel	22.0625	-0.8125
Iramar Diam	27	-0.625
scom Corp	37.6875	+0.1875
ilever PLC	40.125	-0.3125
ilever NV	73.625	-1.9375
son Camp	41.25	-1.125
son Carbide	38.0625	-0.125
son Pacific	47	-0.5
ogys Corp.	25.9375	-0.0625
SAIR Group	53	-0.3125
SF&G Corp	-	-
S Home	32	-1.5
S Surgical	-	-
S Trust	59.8125	-1.1875
S West	53.125	-1.6875
ated Tech	91.4375	+1.625
nocal Corp	33.5	-2.0625
F Corp	40.5625	-0.875
MRX Pharmaceutic	1.1875	+0
alero Energy	22.9375	-0.9375
anon Assoc	39.1875	+1.0625
tacom Inc	58.1875	-0.4375
ishay	13.5	-0.125
ulcan Materials	114.688	-0.75
/achovia	85.375	+2.625
/algreen	45.9375	-0.0625
/al-Mart Stores	64.8125	+1.5625
/arner-Lambert	77.25	-3.3125
/ash Gas Light	26.6875	+0
/ashington Mutu	36.7813	+0.59375
/ashington Post	513.188	-3.3125
/aste Mgmt Inc	42.1875	-1.25
/atkins-Johnson	18.5	-0.4375
/ells Markets	35.625	+0.125
/ells Fargo	39.6	+6.3125
/endy's Intl	23.9375	-0.125
/estvaco	23.8125	-0.0625
/eyerhaeuser	43.875	+0.75
/hirlpool	50	-2.0625
/hitman	21.125	-0.25
/illiams Co	26.9375	+0
/inn Dixie Stors	32	-0.25
/oolworth	8.4375	-0.3125
/orld Comm	54.0625	-1.5
/ortmington Ind	13.5625	-0.125
/rigley	77	-0.5
-	-	-
Xerox	94.9375	-2.625
-	-	-
Yahoo	126.75	+3
Yellow Freight	15.5875	-0.25
-	-	-
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	537	+17.25
Allied Zurich	661	-23
BAT Inds	506.5	+26.5
BT	751	+14
BTR	103.25	-2.75
Barclays	1251	-46
Bass	720	+0.5
Boots	878	+2
British Airways	438	+18
Comm Union plc	921.5	+37.5
Degeo	621	+2
General Electric	478	-5
Glaxo	1624	-16
Halifax	783	+12
HSBC (75p shs)	1360	-5
ICI	485	+2.5
Land Securities	847	+6.5
Lloyds Bank	738.5	-4
Marks & Spencer	438	-19.5
NatWest Bank	957	-17.5
Prudential	765	-7
Reuters	566.5	-8.5
Sainsbury	505	-35.5
Shell Transport	351.5	+1.25
Tesco Intl	3350	+0
Unilever	593	-2
Zeneca	2162	-61

PARIS

Accor	1105	-46
Air Liquide	949	+9
Alcatel Alsthom	573	+19
Euro Disney	8.8	+0.4
Michelin B	231	-8.5
Moulinex	90	-4.1
Paribas	364.9	+6
Pernod Ricard	354	+5
Peugeot	885	-30
Saint Gobain	812	-11

FRANKFURT

Bayer	64	-2.35
Daimler-Benz	127	-6

	LAST	CHANGE*
Lufthansa	36.1	-0.8
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	15.2	-1.8
Volkswagen	119.5	-4.6

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 28-OCT-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Baskuty (1)	4.6024	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	1.188	0
British Pound (1)	1.6115	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.5381	0
French Franc (1)	0.7571	0
Japanese Yen (100)	1.565	0
Swiss Franc (1)	1.1283	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7571	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5658	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.9051	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8371.97	+5.93
DJ Transport	2750.24	-15.44
DJ Utils	300.29	+1.89
DJ Comp	2620.32	+1.22
NYSE Industr	699.29	+0.08
NYSE Transport	411.02	-3.14
NYSE Comp	527.65	-0.12
S&P 100	523.13	+0.65
S&P Spot Index	1068.13	+2.79
Israel Index	214.68	+1.3

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5294.3	-36.9
Tokyo Nikkei	13516	-304.6
Singapore all-share index	340.92	+6.29
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9927	0
Israel Index	214.68	+1.3
Paris CAC 40	3493.6	-57.15
DAX	4582.45	+104.71
Madrid	763.36	+18.79
Swiss Market Index	6411.4	-38.4
Sydney	2615.2	-32.3
Milan	1268.46	-26.51

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound, spot	1.6725	-0.0038
Dec.future (CME)	1.6694	-0.003
D-mark spot	1.6575	-0.0057
Dec.future (CME)	0.6056	-0.0005
S-franc spot	1.348	-0.001
Dec.future (CME)	0.7463	-0.0009
Yen spot	117.95	-0.16
Dec.future (CME)	0.008539	-0
CanDlr: spot	1.5374	-0.0056
Dec.future (CME)	0.6498	-0.0014
AusDlr, spot	0.6168	-0.0013
Dec.future (CME)	0.6181	+0.001
F-franc spot	5.5582	-0.0143
It Lira, spot	1633	+3.5
Nlg. spot	1.8698	+0.0054
AusSchg: spot	-	-
Rand: spot	-	-
ECU: spot	1.1883	-0.0019

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1488	-18
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	106.4	+1.05
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	265	-0.25
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	552.5	+4.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	119.05	0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	14.29	+0.16
Bonds Dec.future	129.375	-0.0625
S and P Dec.future	1071.5	-3

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	992	-15
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1715	+23
Sugar (Dec) (LCE)	222	+2.3
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1319	+21

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.05	+0.09

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	294.4	-0.4
Silver (Dec)	5.048	+0.103
Platinum (Jan)	339.1	-4.5
Palladium (Dec)	281	-1.05
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.7075	-0.006

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	-	-
Gold PM fix	-	-
Silver fix	506	+6

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date (Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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Dollar falls on fear Brazil will slow US growth

CURRENCIES



Dollar 4.188 ▼ 0.07%
Basket 4.6024 ▲ 0.26%
Mark 2.5381 ▲ 0.67%
Sterling 7.0115 ▲ 0.52%

The dollar fell for a second day against the yen and erased Tuesday's gains against the mark as a weakening Brazilian economy threatened to worsen an emerging-market slowdown that's already sapping US growth.

"The economy in Brazil is slowing already, and any fiscal tightening will exacerbate that," said Tim Fox, the chief treasury economist at Standard Chartered Plc. "It's a big problem for the US." He said the dollar won't slide further than 115 yen to less than the low 1.60s against the mark.

The dollar dropped to 1.6489 marks from 1.6602 late Tuesday in London. Against the yen, the dollar fell to 117.22 yen from 118.55.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso said Brazil must raise taxes and cut spending to halve its $60 billion budget deficit and win approval for as much as $30 billion in aid from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other lenders.

"With [US Treasury Secretary Robert] Rubin calling Brazil key to regional stability and the IMF package clearly related to a non-devaluation of the real, we do not think that the Brazilian government is planning a devaluation," said Bernard Walschots, an analyst at Rabobank in Utrecht. "Nevertheless, with growth weakening sharply into 1999, the pressure to devalue will continue, keeping pressure on the dollar."

Brazil is the largest economy in Latin America, where the US conducts almost a fifth of its trade. Economic turmoil there would probably spread throughout Latin America, which in turn would deflate US consumer confidence even further, analysts said, causing spending and growth to slow.

A report Tuesday showed US consumers are growing more pessimistic as confidence fell to near a two-year low this month, its fourth straight decline.

Waning growth could prompt US interest rates to fall even further to keep the economy afloat. The US Federal Reserve has already trimmed its benchmark rate 50 basis points in two steps in the past month. Lower interest rates reduce the return on dollar deposits.

"We think we'll see another rate cut before the end of the year," said Jane Foley, a currency strategist at Barclays Capital. "If the markets react poorly to Brazil, we could be looking at more than one." She said the dollar could fall as low as 1.63 marks while the threat of economic turmoil in Brazil persists.

The Fed's policy-setting Open Market Committee next meets on November 17.

In Germany, Bundesbank council member Franz-Christoph Zeitler said German interest rates are where they should be considering the state of the domestic economy, depressing the dollar against the mark.

Monetary policy "shouldn't create the illusion of being able to overcome and push aside structural problems with forced interest rate cuts," Zeitler said in prepared remarks for a banking evening in Munich, where he is president of the Bundesbank's regional headquarters. (Bloomberg)

Gold rises on concern Brazil currency will devalue

Precious metals

Gold for immediate delivery rose as much as $1.35, or 0.5 percent, to $294.60 an ounce amid concern that Brazil may devalue its currency, prompting some investors to buy gold as a store of value.

A weaker currency would make it difficult for companies in Latin America's largest economy to repay dollar-denominated debt, which could undermine economic growth and stability in the US. The dollar also fell on Brazil's woes, making gold cheaper to buyers using other currencies, such as European jewelers.

Silver for immediate delivery rose as much as 13 cents to $5.125 an ounce in London as a weaker dollar made the metal cheaper to buyers using other currencies.

Energy

Crude oil for December delivery was little changed at $14.03 a barrel, down 10 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. A weakened Hurricane Mitch appeared poised to make landfall on the coasts of Honduras and Belize, easing concern that it would damage Mexican oil rigs.

Even so, Mexico has evacuated some platforms, reducing daily output by 830,000 barrels of oil and 812 million cubic feet of natural gas. Two ports that handle more than 1.1 million barrels of Mexican oil exports a day were closed as well.

Also, the American Petroleum Institute said after trading Tuesday that US oil inventories increased more than expected last week.

Natural gas for November delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana fell 4.3 cents to $2.065 per million British thermal units on the Nymex on expectations that an industry report will show inventories rising before the start of winter heating season. The report from the American Gas Association, to be released after trading, is expected to show an increase of 37 billion cubic feet last week from 3.01 trillion cubic feet.

In last week's report, the AGA said gas supplies as of Oct. 16 were 8.2% higher than a year earlier at 94% of storage capacity. Yesterday was the last day of trading for the November contract.

COMMODITIES



Gold $293.65 ▲ no change
Crude Oil $12.83 ▼ 0.13%
CRB 203.13 ▲ 0.19%

Others

Copper for December delivery rose as much as 0.6 cent, or 0.8%, 71.95 cents a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. While copper is idling close to its lowest price in 11 years, a government report showing US factory orders for big-ticket goods unexpectedly rose in September from the previous month, helped lift prices as demand for copper-intensive electrical equipment and industrial machinery rose.

Still, the jump in demand may not be enough to offset rising copper inventories, which stand at 450,275 metric tons. (Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed before Treasury note sale

BONDS



US 30-year T-bill yield
5.09 no change

US bonds were little changed amid expectations yesterday's two-year Treasury note sale and next week's quarterly debt auctions will be well received by investors.

"People like buying liquid securities," or those that are easily traded, said William Lloyd, head of market strategy at Barclays Capital Inc. Even though other parts of the bond market are improving, "the focus is still on liquidity."

Investors have sought Treasuries, widely considered the safest and most easily traded securities, as a refuge from turmoil in world financial markets over the past several months.

The 30-year Treasury bond was unchanged, leaving its yield at 5.09 percent. Yields on two-year notes, the most actively traded Treasury securities, were little changed at 4.09%.

The Treasury was expected yesterday to auction $16 billion of two-year notes, and to announce the details of next week's quarterly sales of five-year and 10-year notes and 30-year bonds.

Next week's sales are expected to total about $38 billion, analysts said.

The Wall Street firms that buy debt from the Treasury and sell it to investors often push yields higher prior to the sales to drum up demand. In trading prior to the sale, the new two-year note yielded 4.03%, or 5 basis points less than the current security. That reflects the demand from investors looking to be in newest and most liquid security, analysts said.

Adding to the allure of bonds was lingering concern that Brazil's $23.5 billion package of spending cuts and tax increases won't be enough to fend off a currency devaluation, even though an official denied Brazil was planning such a currency move.

"You have a lot of economists who still believe the Brazilian currency is overvalued, so that concern is still alive," said Ken Fan, a government bond strategist at Paribas Corp.

Brazil said yesterday that it will cut spending and raise taxes to slash its $60 billion budget deficit in half, to bolster its currency and win backing from international lenders.

The long-awaited package, unveiled in Brasilia, should pave the way for $30 billion in aid from the International Monetary Fund and other lenders. Brazil needs help to pay its debt after a global credit crunch cut off Brazil from capital markets.

Concern about turmoil in world financial markets drove Treasury bond yields to three-decade lows earlier this month as investors sought the safest investments.

Companies and other borrowers raised almost $9 billion in the corporate bond market yesterday, taking advantage of low interest rates and increasing demand for corporate securities. (Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (28.10.98)

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Pound sterling	7.0107	7.1238	6.89	7.23	7.0115
French franc	0.7572	0.7695	0.74	0.79	0.7571
Japanese yen (100)	3.5636	3.6211	3.50	3.68	3.5688
Dutch florin	2.2514	2.2878	2.21	2.32	2.2508
Swiss franc	3.1292	3.1797	3.07	3.23	3.1283
Swedish krona	0.5348	0.5435	0.52	0.56	0.5344
Norwegian krone	0.5678	0.5770	0.55	0.59	0.5679
Danish krone	0.6678	0.6786	0.65	0.69	0.6675
Finnish mark	0.8350	0.8485	0.82	0.87	0.8344
Canadian dollar	2.7136	2.7574	2.66	2.80	2.7107
Australian dollar	2.5861	2.6380	2.55	2.68	2.6026
S. African rand	0.7255	0.7373	0.65	0.74	0.7270
Belgian franc (10)	1.2306	1.2505	1.20	1.27	1.2304
Austrian schilling (10)	3.6096	3.6679	3.54	3.72	3.6087
Italian lira (1000)	2.5671	2.6086	2.52	2.65	2.5658
Jordanian dinar	5.8837	5.9786	5.78	6.20	5.9051
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.19	1.29	1.2721
ECU	4.9942	5.0748	—	—	4.9948
Irish punt	6.3187	6.4207	6.21	6.51	6.3180
Spanish peseta (100)	2.9879	3.0361	2.93	3.08	2.9877

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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SPORTS

in brief

NBA cancels rest of November games

NEW YORK (Reuters) – The National Basketball Association said yesterday that it has cancelled the rest of its schedule for November and will make no more announcements regarding cancellations for the remainder of the lockout.

The announcement was made by NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik.

"It is not going to be possible to play games in November," Granik told a press conference. "We don't expect to be making continuous announcements regarding cancellations each week."

More than 200 players, owners and league officials were due to meet late yesterday afternoon in an effort to end the owner-imposed lockout, which began July 1.

St Johnstone to play Rangers in League Cup final

EDINBURGH (Reuters) – St Johnstone reached their first final in 29 years when they defeated Hearts 3-0 in a Scottish League Cup semifinal on Tuesday night.

Goals from Nick Dasovic, Allan Preston and George O'Boyle gave the Perth club a dream date in the final against Rangers next month.

It was sweet revenge for St Johnstone manager Sandy Clark, who was sacked by Hearts four years ago.

When St Johnstone played in the League Cup final in 1969, they lost 1-0 to the other Glasgow club, Celtic.

Longest-serving IOC member dies

BUCHAREST (AP) – Alexandru Siperco, the longest-serving member on the International Olympic Committee, has died at the age of 77.

Siperco, who had served on the IOC for 43 years since his election in 1955, died at his Bucharest home Monday of a heart attack, according to the Romanian Olympic Committee.

Siperco, born in Tataresti in 1920, was president of the Romanian Olympic Committee from 1952 to 1959.

He was an IOC executive board member from 1979 to 1986, and IOC vice president from 1982 to 1986.

Siperco became the "doyen" of the IOC when the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, who had served on the IOC since 1946, resigned earlier this year.

Ran Oz becomes first Israeli pro ice hockey player

By LIONEL GAFFEN

Tel Avivian Ran Oz became the first Israeli professional ice hockey in history earlier this year when he signed a one-year contract with the Dutch first division team the Amsterdam Tigers.

The team's head coach is Alex Andjelic, of international repute, who spends his summers with Roger Nielson's hockey camps.

Oz, 21, lives in with his parents in Bnei Brak. He first laced his skates on when he was 10, a late age for most hockey players. He began to play in the tiny Ramat Gan rink, and immediately began to show promise. At 14, he was invited to join the national team which competed in the world championship qualifiers in South Africa.

Oded Orgill, an Israeli living in Canada, saw him play, and after inviting Oz to visit him in Canada, made a special trip here to convince Oz's parents to allow their son to play hockey and finish his schooling in Canada. Oz's dream had come true, as he was invited to try out and play Junior 'A' hockey for the Toronto Marlies, one of Canada's top junior teams. For the next two seasons, Oz toiled for the Marlies.

He admits that moving to Canada by himself and leaving his family and friends behind was rough, and after the first few months he was ready to pack it in and come home, but he had some inspiration to keep him going: "I used to watch the Rocky movies, where the underdog manages to triumph against all the odds, and I felt like that, and just kept on trying."

Oz was so impressive as a player for the Marlies, that after his second season, he was drafted by the Guelph Storm, a senior team in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), a professional league just below the NHL.



Ran Oz in national team colors. (Lionel Gaffen)

Oz then had a tough choice to make: OHL, on the way to the NHL, or return to Israel to do his army service. He was strongly influenced by Semyon Yakubovitch, the national hockey coach during those years. His advice to the teenager was to first fulfill his obligations as a man before seeking fame and fortune.

Oz returned to do his army service, and for the past couple of years has lived in Metulla, in order to be close to the Canada Center and to participate with Team Israel at the world championships in Lithuania in 1996, in Andorra in 1997 and this past April in South Africa.

Mac. TA look for turnaround against Red Star

By ELI GRONER

Maccabi Tel Aviv's players can't be blamed if they think they are playing against a mirror image of themselves when they take on Red Star in a EuroLeague contest in Belgrade tonight (Channel 1, 9:30 p.m.).

The two teams have had very similar seasons so far. Both have struggled in EuroLeague play (Maccabi is 1-3; Belgrade is 0-4) while playing reasonably well in their local leagues (Belgrade is 4-1 in Yugoslavia). The two clubs find themselves next to each other at the bottom of Group B, with neither able to afford a loss tonight.

The Yugoslavs are hoping for another similarity as well. Just as Oded Katash's debut last week sparked a turnaround for the Israelis, Red Star is hoping that tonight's return of Igor Rakocevi – who has missed the entire season to date because of an injury – will finally get Belgrade in the win column. Like Katash, Rakocevi is a young guard who is considered his country's best. The 20-year old was the scoring leader and MVP at last summer's European Under-22 Championship. In the final against Slovenia, he scored 37 points.

Rakocevi will assist the team's best player so far this season, Milenko Topic. Topic has averaged an astounding 39.5 minutes a game in EuroLeague action while averaging 16.3 ppg on 60% from the field (including 43% from three-point land).

Another factor in the defending Yugoslav League champions' favor is that this will be its highly-anticipated first "real" home game this season. Until now, its only home game, against Cibona Zagreb, was played behind closed doors because of a FIBA punishment meted out last year.

Earlier this week, the team's point guard, Luka Pavicevi (a former teammate of Maccabi's Borko Radovic at Hapoel Nahariya) said, "I hope that the home-court factor will finally make the difference in our season."

Radovic has been added to the eligible roster for tonight's game because of Willie Anderson's leg injury.

Notwithstanding Anderson's absence, it's not the guard rotation that should concern coach Yoram Harush. As it will be in almost every EuroLeague matchup this season, Maccabi's primary problem looks to be at the center position. Victor Alexander can be an extremely efficient power forward, but Maccabi brass apparently assumed that he could play the pivot against Europe's finest. That hasn't been the case to date, and unless Constantin Popa makes phenomenal progress, or Maccabi decides to unload Anderson and pick up a real center, the middle will prove to be Maccabi's Achilles heel all season.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

DANCE

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Flemish choreographer Wim Vandekeybus opens the "Dance at the Mishkan" series with his Ultima Vez dancing his newest multimedia dance piece, *7 for a Secret Never To Be Told*. Its starting point is magpies.

Vandekeybus is one of the world's modern-dance leaders and his choreography almost takes your breath away. At the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tonight and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tomorrow at 1 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

HELEN KAYE

Harvey Bordowitz's Herzliya Chamber Orchestra provides a pleasant, and sometimes unusual, evening of music, along with a pre-concert lecture that adds understanding.

The season starts tonight with *The Soul of America* featuring music by Barber, Copland and Joplin with spirituals by mezzo Ronny Yovel. Tonight at Beit Ya'ari. Lecture in Hebrew and English at 8 and concert at 8:30 p.m.

BLUES

HELEN KAYE

Texas blues singer/guitarist Alan Haynes opens the winter season of blues and soul. Haynes hails from Austin but he's taken his distinctive sound just about all over the US and the world. His backup is Ronnie Peterson. At the Tel Aviv Enav Center tonight at 9:30.



Texas blues singer/guitarist Alan Haynes plays in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

Channel 33 presents a special three-and-a-half hour feature, *Scala – The Israeli Opera*, about the New Israeli Opera tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. Omri Nitzan, who has directed a most captivating and very Israeli *L'elisir d'amore* for the NIO, hosts NIO general director Hanna Munitz, NIO music director Asher Fisch, soprano Anat Efraty and musicologist Michal Zmora Cohen in a panel discussion.

A rare interview with Franco Zeffirelli is included, as well as excerpts from various successful NIO productions including *La Boheme, Rigoletto, The Bartered Bride, Nabucco, La Traviata, Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* and *L'elisir d'amore*.

Jerusalem Post Staff

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Veracini: Sonata in D minor for Violin and Continuo (Capriccio Stravaganta); Da Visa: Suite (King, baroque harp); Gabrieli: Ricercare in A minor (Bylsma, baroque cello); Kuhlau: Duo Brillante for Flute and Piano op 110/1 (Andreasen / Oland) 7:07 Hummel: Piano Concerto in A minor op 85 (Hough / English CO / Thomson); Janacek: Concertino for Piano and Chamber Ensemble 8:05 Handel: Excerpts from The Messiah (Robert Shaw Chorale / Atlanta SO / Shaw); Beethoven: Clarinet Trio op 11 9:06 Hindemith: Piano Sonata (Musur); Gorbzky: Little Requiem for the Polka op 66 (London Sinfonietta / Zinman); Schubert: Piano Sonata no 21 (Gothoni); Schnabel: String Quartet no 3 (La-Salle Quartet); Beethoven: Symphony no 3 "Eroica" 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz 14:06 Encore – music by Niels Gade and Rued Langgaard 15:00 The Voice of Music Magazine 16:00 Italian vocal music from the 14th century; Bach: Sonata no 2 for Violin and Harpsichord (Biondi / Alessandrini); Lotti: 4 Madrigals (Il Complesso Barocco / Curtis); Mozart: String Quartet in D minor K421 (Mosaique Quartet); Chopin: Piano Trio op 8 (Fontana Trio) 18:00 New CDs – Janacek: String Quartet no 1 "Kreutzer Sonata"; Scriabin: 8 Preludes for Piano op 11 / 6 Preludes for Piano op 13; Ravel: Ma Mère l'Oye ; Kabalevsky: Violin Concerto op 48 20:05 Amnon Silver, piano / Elihu Shulman, violin / Doron Toister, cello. Bach: Suite no 2 for Solo Cello; Joseph Tal: Piano Trio (1973); Lalo: Piano Trio no 1 op 7 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 Art of the Song – Songs of Franz Schubert – program no 50. Die schöne Müllerin nos 1-10

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news 6:00 Morning Drive with Marc Berman (until 9:00) 7:45 Sports Update 8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update 9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00) 10:00 Legal Eagle with Larry Dubb 12:00 The Twersky Report with Mordechai Twersky 13:00 Windows on the World 13:30 Memory Lane with Marc Berman 16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 19:00) 17:45 Sports Update 19:00 Oldies – Music & Trivia with Tesha Bader and Larry Gamliel 21:00 Staying Sane with Dr. Miriam Adahan 22:00 West Rock with Redbeard 1:00 Sleepless in Jerusalem with Aaron Katsman (until 3:00)

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today 6:30 Insight 6:45 Off the Shelf: First Love, part 3 7:00 The World Today 7:30 Outlook 7:55 Music Brief 8:00 The World Today 8:30 Meridian Books 9:00 News 9:15 Off the Shelf: First Love, part 4 9:30 Composer of the Month 10:00 News 10:10 Pause For Thought 10:15 Performance 10:30 Pop The Question 11:00 News 11:05 World Business Report 11:15 The Passage Of Time 11:30 Science Desk II 11:45 Sports Roundup 12:00 Newsdesk 12:30 Discovery 13:00 Newsdesk 13:30 Record News 13:45 F.O.O.C. 14:00 News 14:05 World Business Report 14:15 Britain Today 14:30 The Learning World 14:45 Sport's Roundup 15:00 Newshour 16:00 News 16:05 Outlook 16:30 Multitrack: X-Press 17:00 News 17:05 Sports Roundup 17:15 Westway 17:30 The Vintage Chart Show 18:00 Europe Today 18:30 Insight 18:45 Britain Today 19:00 Europe Today 19:30 World Business Report 19:45 Sports Roundup 20:00 Newsdesk 20:30 Assignment 21:00 News Summary 21:01 Outlook 21:25 Pause For Thought 21:30 John Peel 22:00 Newshour 23:00 News 23:05 World Business Report 23:15 Britain Today 23:30 Meridian Books 00:00 Newsdesk

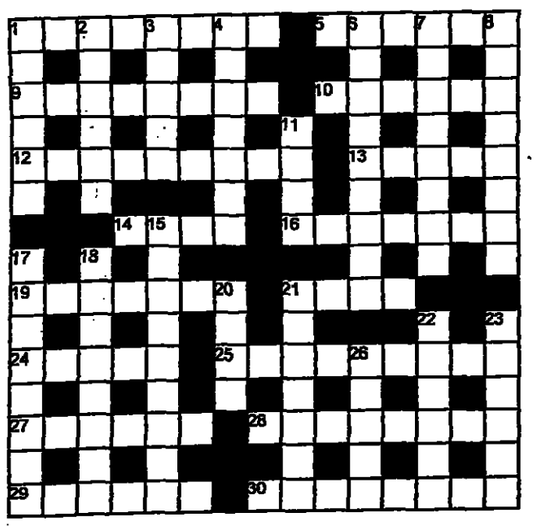
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ACROSS

1 Miss Edna working as helper in church (8)
5 Army goes to the Spanish for shelter (6)
9 Rousing call to the troops (8)
10 Race town: Harlem answers, to some extent (2,4)
12 Charge reduced? How invaluable (9)
13 Animal with clothes on? (5)
14 Strong performance in reality (4)
16 Big bird behind rival (7)
19 From choice, used teeth for toasted snack (7)
21 Come together, fitting (4)
24 Partner's right to be a mother (5)
25 Shrub, as eg perhaps this? (9)
27 Toss one coin for vegetable (6)
28 Criticise home given to big cat (8)
29 One working in fields like grim death? (6)
30 Bear, strange to relate (8)

DOWN

1 Tricky situation—fight with energy (6)
2 Do dive about, it's empty (6)
3 Brilliance girl holds in (5)
4 Complaint of soldiers arrested by excellent lieutenant (7)
6 Hospitality no writer's given to family (4,5)
7 Beaker at ready for this? (3-5)
8 Catalogue Frenchman brought up for member of audience (8)
11 Man, say, lies badly (4)
15 Vegetable popular in French inn (9)
17 Theatre worker should be more punctual (8)
18 Ways of judging writer, topless in US agency (8)
20 Try out a game of cricket (4)
21 New name got for generator (7)
22 Old coin from African state (6)
23 Bright idea asthmatic had? (6)
26 Penniless, when stopped working (5)

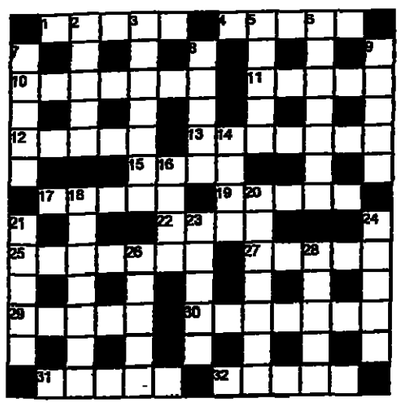


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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Coin (5)
4 Characteristic (5)
10 Awkward (7)
11 Opera composer (5)
12 Kind of curry (5)
13 Biting (7)
15 Mushrooms (4)
17 Sumptuous meal (5)
19 Soak (5)
22 Scottish port (4)
25 Lemon-scented plant (7)
27 Striking effect (5)
29 Come up again (5)
30 Skep (7)
31 Small fruit (5)
32 Court official (5)

DOWN

2 Be superior (5)
3 Science of navigation (7)
5 Part of collar (5)
6 Ordains (anag) (7)
7 Fur hat (5)
8 Heavy blow (5)
9 Soiled (5)
14 Bone (4)
16 Public school (4)
18 Aural pain(7)
20 Unity (7)
21 Evident (5)
23 Animated fawn (5)
24 Guide (5)
26 Slip (5)
28 French river (5)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Jewish Sciences
8:30 Crossroad Cafe
9:00 Dealing with Dogs
9:30 Psychology
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Geography
12:00 History
13:00 Music
13:30 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 X Men
15:50 Eli and Lily
16:00 Astronauts
16:30 Zap's Chevrolet Show
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Not Including Service
18:05 Dudu's Adventures
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 *News in English*

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Encounter
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Click Plus – weekly show about computers, communications and advanced technology
20:00 News
20:10 Barbara Walters *Special – this time Walters* arrows in on three of Hollywood's hottest properties: Jim Carrey, Kim Basinger and *Will Smith*
21:00 News
21:30 Basketball – Red Star Belgrade vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv, live broadcast
23:30 News
00:00 Time For Language

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 The Rainbow Children
6:43 Morning with Gabi Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Touched By An Angel
10:44 Counterstrike
11:35 Peki'in Festival
12:12 *Israeli Music*
12:32 Jenny and the Captain
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 Fox's Yard
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Dave's World
15:27 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 *Five with Gadi Sukenik*
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 The World's *Dumbest Criminals*
18:05 Caroline
18:35 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
19:25 *Zbeng*
20:00 News
20:30 Shemesh
21:05 Only In Israel – new *season of the optimistic* show
22:00 Rafi Reshef – *return* of the talk show
23:20 Cape Fear (1991) – an ex-con gets out of the state penitentiary half-bent on taking revenge on the *lawyer who put him behind* bars for 14 years. With Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte and Jessica Lange
00:00 News
00:05 Cape Fear – contd.
1:52 Storytellers Festival
2:43 1997 Wohl Festival
3:29 Anything But Love
3:53 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Classic Animation
15:30 Beyond the Galaxy
16:00 French program
16:30 Crystal Maze
17:00 *Subways*
18:00 Bugby Spirit
19:00 La Journal
19:15 French series
19:30 *News Headlines*
19:35 Keep Quiet
20:00 From Our Special Reporter
20:30 Kung Fu
21:15 Science and Technology
22:00 News in English
22:30 Chicago Hope
00:00 Hit Parade

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27) (unconfirmed)

7:30 700 Club
8:00 Richard Scarry
8:30 Superbook
9:00 TV Shopping
16:00 Larry King
17:00 700 Club
18:00 Dramatic Rescues
19:00 *Undercover Agent*
20:00 Global Problems
21:00 Best of David Letterman
21:30 CNN Entertainment
22:00 Movie
23:35 Wonderful World
23:00 700 Club

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 The Tempest
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 Russia Now
20:30 Telekessef
21:00 News
21:30 Waiting for Michelangelo (1996) – romantic comedy about a career-oriented divorcee who works as a TV reporter and finds herself in love with two very different men. With Renée Coleman, Roy Dupuis and Rick Roberts
23:01 Richelieu

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Mother Wasn't a *Child*
16:00 Hot Science
16:30 Sesame Street
17:00 Arabic Calligraphy
17:30 *Nature's Call*
17:45 Color Garden
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 *Jewish Studies*
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Golden Age
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Great Composers: Gadd Gang
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Europe's Heritage

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 E.R.
21:10 Law and Order
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Good Evening with *Guy Pines*
00:15 Profiler
1:00 Silk Stalkings
1:45 Bnsco County
2:30 Swift Justice
3:20 Poltergeist
4:05 Mr. and Mrs. Smith

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Choices of the Heart (1994) – biopic of a turn-of-the-century nurse who fought for family planning
13:10 The Rustlers (1949) – a rancher marks the money he turns over to a gang of cattle rustlers to get his cattle back. Two drifters win some of that cash at a casino owned by one of the gang and find *themselves accused of* rustling. With Tim Holt and and Richard Martin
14:15 Taking Liberty (1994) – a late 18th-century Boston Brahmin's daughter leaves her home and joins a group fighting for American independence. With Sophie Ward and David Warner
15:45 New in the Cinema
15:55 Elevator (1996) – comedy about an *out-of-*work screen writer who corners a producer *in an* elevator. With Martin *Landau and Martin Sheen*
17:55 Ladybird, Ladybird (1993) – shattering drama by Ken Loach about a *disturbed young single mother* who has a history of being abused by men and whose four children are taken away by welfare workers
19:40 The Vanishing Son – action series
20:25 *Savate* (1994) – a young French officer, traveling the 1860s Wild West in search of the murderer of his best friend, gets involved in a struggle between poor farmers and a rich landowner. With Olivier Gruner, Ian Ziering, Ashley Laurence and *Michael Palance*
22:00 The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) – parody of the popular 1970s sitcom in which the family tries to maintain its high moral standards in Los Angeles of the 1990s. With Shelley Long and Gary Cole
23:25 Mr. Stitch (1995) – sci-fi thriller about a scientist who puts together a *humanoid creature using* limbs taken from several bodies and the creature retrieves the memories of the original owners of his parts
1:05 Rebecca's Secret (1995) – erotic
2:25 *Juice* (1992) – violent tale of four black teenagers whose lives change for ever when a small-store *robbery gets out of hand.* Directed by Ernst R. Dickerson. With Omar Epps and Tupac Shakur

■ CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Cartoons
9:00 *Barney*
9:30 Arthur
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Ninja Turtles
11:00 Batman and Robin
11:25 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:50 Space Gools
12:20 Family Matters

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19:30	Click Plus	Zbeng	Melrose Place	The Vanishing Son	Stickin' Around Married with Children	Great Crimes and Trials Beyond 2000
20:00	News Barbara Walters Special	News	ER	Savate	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Great Palaces
20:30		Shemesh				
21:00	News	Only in Israel	Law and Order		Beverly Hills 90210	Feuhrer: Tempting a Nation
21:30	Navy Seals					
22:00		Rafi Reshef	Yair Lapid Live at 10	The Brady Bunch Movie	Fort Apache	Mussolini
22:30			Seinfeld			World Discoveries
23:00			Ricki Lake			

12:50 Moesha
13:20 Tweety and Sylvester
13:30 Little Bear
13:45 Sharky and George
14:00 Princess Sissy
14:35 The Smurfs
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Samurai Pizza Kids
15:55 Peter Pan and the Pirates
16:15 Bobby's World
16:40 The Cosby Show
17:20 Weird Science
17:45 Lois and Clark
18:30 Moesha
19:00 Police Academy
19:40 Stickin' Around
19:55 *Married with* Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Fort Apache (1948) – the first of John Ford's trilogy of cavalry Westerns. A stubborn officer rubs his men and the surrounding Indians the wrong way. With John Wayne, Henry Fonda and Shirley Temple
00:05 Sur La Terre Comme Au Ciel (French, 1993, 95 mins.) – a successful TV reporter is about to become a mother – until her baby decides to stay in the womb in an attempt to put an end to the human race

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Wednesday at 23:30)
8:00 Life in the Wild (rpt)
8:25 Decisive Weapons
9:00 Future Quest: Homes and Cities (rpt)
9:30 Wonders of the Weather: Fear of Flying
9:55 Catherine Cookson
10:55 Elizabeth I
11:45 Ultima VC: La Mentira (rpt)
12:35 *World Discoveries:* Lamu, The Swahili City (rpt)
13:00 United Tastes of America (rpt)
13:30 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
13:35 Great Palaces (rpt)
14:20 Yiddish Special: The *Ashkenazim (rpt)*
15:40 Retired Language (rpt)
16:10 Human Nature: Part 3
17:00 Open University: Beyond the Mechanical Universe
17:30 Open University: English Have a Go
18:00 Open University: The Solar System
18:30 Open University: Archeology
19:00 World Discoveries: Maulidi: A Pilgrimage
19:30 Great Crimes and Trials: The Kidnapping of the Lindbergh Baby
20:05 Beyond 2000
20:30 Great Palaces
21:00 Fuehrer: Tempting a Nation – a look at the per*sonality of the most satanic* dictator of modern times, and how he managed to convince millions of Germans that he was their savior
22:00 Mussolini
22:45 World Discoveries: Maulidi (see 19:00)
23:10 Great Crimes and Trials (see 19:30)
23:40 Open University: Battle for Economic Supremacy
00:40 Open University: Sociological Imagination
1:15 Open University: Cities of Islam

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 CI5, The New Professionals
7:00 Oprah Windrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Hawaii Cooks
10:00 Snowy River, the McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 World's Scariest Police Chases
15:00 Walker, Texas *Ranger*
16:00 Thieftakers
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 World's Scariest Police Chases
19:00 Walker, Texas *Ranger*
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21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 Brittas Empire
3:30 The Wonder Years
4:00 Mr. Belvedere
4:30 Newhart
5:00 Walker, Texas Ranger

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct
7:30 The Money Program
8:30 The Net (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 The Money Program
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Holiday (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World: The Living Planet, part 16
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Top Gear (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 Moneywise
19:30 The Net
20:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
21:30 Panorama
22:00 World News and Business Report
22:30 Earth Report: Amazon Chronicles
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:15 Asia Today (rpt)
2:30 The Net (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:00 World News
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As *They See It*
14:30 Science and Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 Insight
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Travel Guide
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 *World Business* Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 *Insight (rpt)*
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today
3:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:00 World News
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
13:30 *Sky World News*
16:30 Your Call
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 *Live at Five*
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 *Prime Time*
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

8:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 National League Basketball
18:30 Israeli League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:00 French League Soccer
21:30 Boxing
22:30 Dutch League Soccer

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Golf
10:30 Touring Car
11:30 Carl
13:00 Soccer – World *Cup Legends*
14:00 Motorsports
15:30 Truck Sports
16:30 Sumo
17:30 Equestrianism
18:30 Olympic Games
19:00 Tennis
20:00 Live Tennis – from *Stuttgart*
23:30 Boxing
00:30 Soccer – European Championship Legends
1:30 Motorsports

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Lightning kills 11 soccer players during match – report

KINSHASA (Reuters) – A burst of lightning killed 11 members of a Congolese soccer team and injured dozens more people during a weekend match, the Congolese news agency has reported.

The lightning strike wiped out all the players fielded by the home team in the village of Bena Tshadi, in the south-central Congolese province of Eastern Kasai, the Congolese Press Agency said.

The report could not be independently confirmed.

Local investigators are blaming the lightning bolt on witchcraft because none of the players on the opposing team from nearby Basangana village were injured, the agency reported Tuesday.

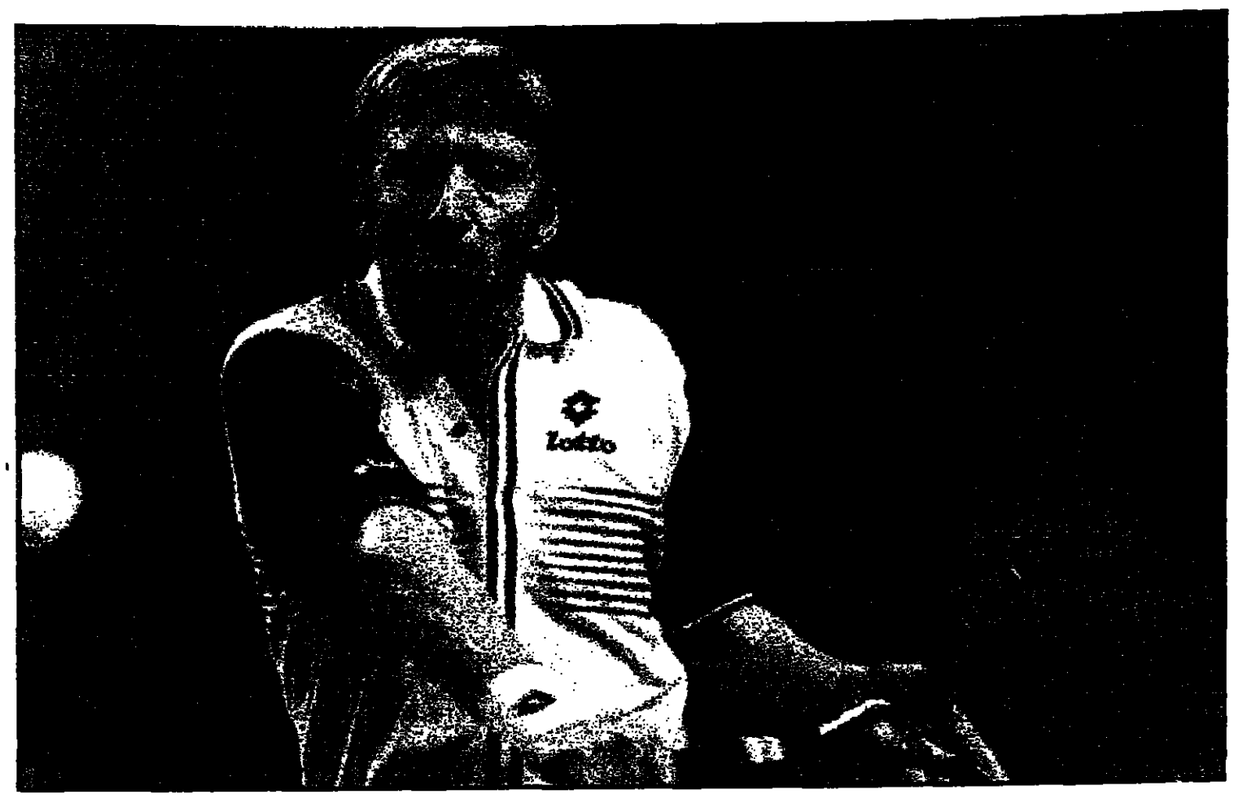
The report said that sorcery is often used in the region in an attempt to influence matches.

The two teams were tied 1-1 when the lightning struck.

More than 30 people, most standing along the sidelines, were injured by the lightning, but none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening, the report said.

Witchcraft is often blamed throughout west and central Africa to explain natural phenomenon and illness.

In South Africa over the weekend, six players from a local team were hurt when lightning struck the playing field during a thunderstorm.



STILL IN BUSINESS – Boris Becker plays to the Stuttgart crowd yesterday. (AP)

Impressive Becker dumps Moya out of Eurocard Open

STUTTGART (Reuters) – Semi-retired Boris Becker showed he still has plenty of fight left yesterday as he came from a set behind to dump French Open champion and world No. 4 Carlos Moya out of the Eurocard Open.

The German proved he had fully recovered from an ankle injury which kept him sidelined for some eight weeks by hitting brilliant winners on his way to a 6-7 6-4 6-4 victory in his second round match against the Spaniard.

"I'm surprised to be in such good physical condition," said the former world No. 1, making a gradual exit from tennis and now a modest 67th in the ATP Tour rankings.

The three-times Wimbledon champion wasted two set points before losing the first set in a tie break but then managed two early breaks to win the next two sets.

"I'm pleased with the way I played," added the 30-year-old.

"I must still improve my serve a bit but I volleyed really well."

Becker, whose victory over Dutch qualifier Sjeng Schalken in the previous round was his first since July, will go on to meet Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic, the 14th seed, who outpowered South African Wayne Ferreira 6-4 7-6.

Like Becker, Marcelo Rios showed that he had overcome his fitness problems.

The Chilean world No. 2 said he had felt fine in his match against German Tommy Haas, whom he ousted 6-3 7-5.

Rios had to retire with a sore hamstring in his semifinal against the same opponent in Lyon, France, on Saturday and has also been hampered by back pain.

Rios now faces Dutchman Jan Siemerink, the 15th seed, for a place in the quarterfinals of the $2.5 million indoor event featuring the world's top 10 players.

Pete Sampras, fighting to end the year ranked No. 1 for a record sixth consecutive time, crushed German Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 6-4 in the late match yesterday.

If he fails to reach the quarterfinals here, the American will be replaced at No. 1 by either Rios or world No. 3 Patrick Rafter, if the Australian wins the title.

The double US Open champion beat Swede Magnus Gustafsson in the last match of the day 6-1, 6-4.

Seventh seed Alex Corretja of Spain made an early exit, falling in straight sets to rising American Jan-Michael Gambill.

Corretja, who won his first indoor title by beating Haas in the Lyon final on Sunday, was crushed 6-2 6-4 by the 21-year-old Gambill, 50th in the world after climbing over 100 places in the ATP Tour rankings this year.

Gambill will go on to meet Briton Tim Henman, the ninth seed who needs a good showing here to secure a berth in the season-ending ATP Tour world championship which starts on November 23 in Hannover.

Briton Greg Rusedski, seeded 13th, also advanced through to the third round but he was made to work by unseeded Australian Jason Stoltenberg on an outside court.

There were three tie breaks in a close battle which Rusedski eventually won 7-6 6-7 7-6 with a service winner on match point.

The hard-hitter could still mathematically qualify for Hannover but stands only an outside chance. He will play against either Rafter or Gustafsson in the next round.

Jerusalem, Ra'anana grab last-second wins

By ELI GRONER

Last night's rare mid-week round of National Basketball League games was highlighted by two last-second victories, two long-awaited first-wins-of-the-season and one coach's resignation. When the dust had settled, Hapoel Jerusalem stayed perfect, Hapoel Holon won its fourth straight game, and Maccabi Rishon lost its third straight and its coach to boot.

Hap. J'lem 85 Mac. Rishon 83

Hapoel Jerusalem withstood a furious late run by Maccabi Rishon before two Radisav Curcic free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining iced the victory. The road victory moved Jerusalem into sole possession of first place in the standings, while pushing its overall record in league, State and Saporta Cup competitions to 14-0.

After the game, Pini Gershon confirmed rumors reported in the media during the day by announcing his resignation as Rishon's coach (see below).

A costly mistake by Jeff Kent enabled Curcic – who led all scorers with 26 points – to go to the charity stripe at the end of the game. The two were battling for the rebound off of a Kenny Williams miss when Kent fouled Curcic four meters from the basket, when Curcic wasn't even close to getting off a good shot.

Rishon was fortunate to have even been that close. Jerusalem held a comfortable 82-73 advantage with just over three minutes to play, before Hapoel coach Effy Birnbaum was slapped with a technical foul after arguing a foul call. Motti Daniel (23 points) buried all four free throws, before nailing a six-foot jumper to complete a six-point possession.

With only 20 seconds remaining, Daniel tallied again to knot the score at 83.

Mac. Ra'anana 66 Galil Elyon 64

Mark Brisker swished a three-pointer as time expired to give the hosts a wild, come-from-behind victory.

Brisker's buzzer-beater capped a fantastic, final 13 seconds which saw the lead change hands three times. After two Theo Cinicitz free throws had given the northerners a 62-60 lead, Brisker converted a three-point play to give Ra'anana a one-point advantage. With just five seconds left, Galil guard Alon Stein penetrated and drew the defense towards him, before dishing the ball off to Erez Hazan who converted the easy layup, giving his club a short-lived lead.

Tomer Steinhauer led the victors with 21 points. Jamie Arnold paced all scorers with 23.

Hap. Holon 66 Mac. Haifa 60

In a game which saw host Haifa blow a nine-point first half lead and then overcome a 12-point second-half deficit, Holon played better down the stretch to eke out the victory.

Holon – which continues to be the pleasant surprise of the season – has now won four of its five games this season.

Greg Sutton led the victors with 16 points. Andrew Kennedy had 15 for Haifa.

Givat Shmuel 74 Hap. Eilat 66

After an incredibly sloppy first half by both clubs, host Givat Shmuel came out more focused in the second stanza to pull out its first win of the season. Gil Sela and Moshe Brenner – who didn't do much in the first three quarters of the game – were instrumental in the game's latter stages.

Foreigners Dennis Hopson (23 points) and Norris Coleman (19) provided most of Givat Shmuel's point production.

Ramat Gan 98 Bnei Herzliya 67

Ramat Gan vented out its season-long frustrations by blowing out the overmatched Herzliyans in Ramat Gan last night.

James Gully and Paul Thompson paced the victors with 21 points apiece.

National Basketball League

	W	L	Pts
Hapoel Jerusalem	5	0	10
Hapoel Holon	4	1	9
Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	0	8
Galil Elyon	3	2	8
Maccabi Ra'anana	3	2	8
Maccabi Haifa	2	3	7
Maccabi Rishon	2	3	7
Hapoel Eilat	2	3	7
Bnei Herzliya	2	3	7
Givat Shmuel	1	4	6
Ramat Gan	1	4	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	0	4	4

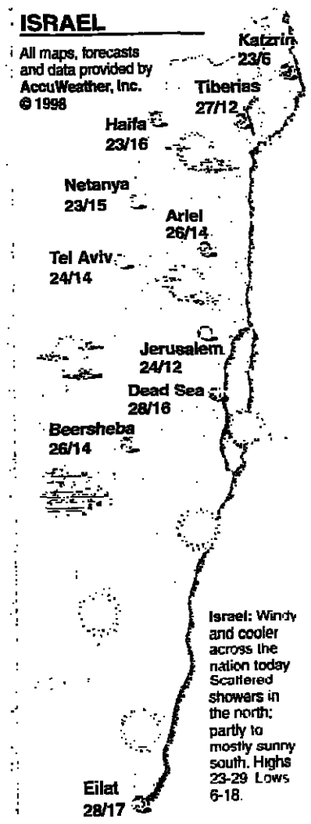
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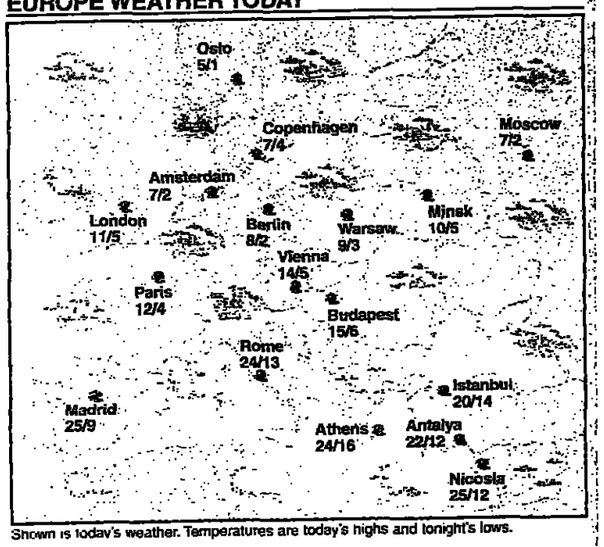
ISRAEL

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Israel: Windy and cooler across the nation today. Scattered showers in the north; partly to mostly sunny south. Highs 23-29. Lows 6-18.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F	Sunday High C/F	Sunday Low/W C/F
Ariel	26/79	14/57/s	23/73	12/53/s	26/79	14/57/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Beersheba	26/79	14/57/s	24/75	12/53/s	26/79	14/57/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Dead Sea	28/82	16/61/s	30/86	16/61/s	32/89	18/64/pc	32/89	20/68/pc
Eilat	28/82	17/62/s	28/82	17/62/s	32/89	22/71/pc	32/89	22/71/pc
Haifa	23/73	16/61/s	25/77	16/61/pc	27/80	18/64/pc	27/80	19/66/pc
Jerusalem	24/75	12/53/pc	22/71	10/50/s	24/75	12/53/pc	26/79	14/57/pc
Katzrin	23/73	6/43/s	25/77	8/46/pc	27/80	8/46/pc	29/84	10/50/pc
Netanya	23/73	15/59/s	25/77	15/59/s	27/80	17/62/pc	27/80	17/62/pc
Tel Aviv	24/75	14/57/s	26/79	16/61/s	28/82	18/64/pc	29/84	18/64/pc
Tiberias	27/80	12/53/s	29/84	14/57/pc	31/88	16/61/pc	31/88	14/57/pc

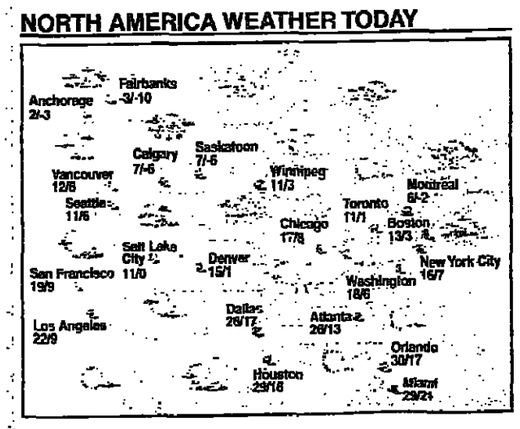
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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	7/44	2/35/sh	4/39	-2/29/c	6/43	4/39/c
Beijing	20/68	9/48/s	22/71	6/43/s	13/55	1/34/pc
Berlin	8/46	2/35/sh	3/37	-4/25/c	2/35	-2/29/s
Brussels	8/46	1/34/pc	4/39	-1/31/c	8/46	6/43/s
Cairo	25/77	16/61/s	27/80	18/64/s	29/84	20/68/s
Chicago	17/62	8/46/pc	17/62	8/46/sh	17/62	6/43/c
Frankfurt	6/43	2/35/r	3/37	-5/24/c	2/35	-4/25/s
Hong Kong	28/82	22/71/s	28/82	22/71/pc	27/80	22/71/pc
Johannesburg	29/84	14/57/s	27/80	16/61/pc	29/84	17/62/pc
London	11/52	5/41/sh	7/44	3/37/c	12/53	7/44/s
Los Angeles	22/71	9/48/pc	24/75	10/50/s	26/79	11/52/s
Madrid	25/77	9/48/pc	22/71	12/53/s	23/73	12/53/pc
Mexico City	23/73	11/52/pc	23/73	12/53/pc	24/75	12/53/s
Montreal	6/43	-2/29/c	4/39	3/37/c	11/52	2/35/pc
Moscow	7/44	2/35/c	3/37	-4/25/c	1/34	-5/24/pc
New York	16/61	7/44/s	13/55	7/44/s	17/62	8/46/pc
Paris	12/53	4/39/sh	8/43	2/35/c	10/50	6/43/s
Prague	7/44	-2/29/r	1/34	-7/20/c	-1/31	-4/25/c
Rio de Janeiro	26/79	20/68/c	22/71	17/62/pc	22/71	16/61/pc
Rome	24/75	13/55/pc	19/66	9/48/s	18/64	11/52/s
Sydney	18/64	13/55/pc	21/70	16/61/pc	23/73	15/59/pc
Tokyo	22/71	18/64/pc	20/68	18/64/r	22/71	18/64/pc
Toronto	11/52	1/34/s	11/52	6/43/s	15/59	4/39/pc
Vienna	14/57	5/41/sh	3/37	-6/22/c	2/35	-2/29/s
Warsaw	9/48	3/37/sh	2/35	-8/22/c	1/34	-6/22/s
Washington	18/64	6/43/s	18/64	8/46/s	18/64	8/46/pc
Zurich	11/52	1/34/r	2/35	-2/29/c	7/44	4/39/s

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Vialli hat-trick helps Chelsea thrash Villa

LONDON (Reuters) – Italian player-manager Gianluca Vialli scored a hat-trick as holders Chelsea knocked English premier league leaders Aston Villa out of the League Cup in style yesterday.

Vialli struck his first goals of the season after 32, 67 and 85 minutes as the Londoners won their third round tie 4-1 at Stamford Bridge. Mark Draper had put Villa in front, while Norwegian Tore Andre Flo scored Chelsea's other goal.

But Chelsea's night was marred when captain Dennis Wise was sent off for a reckless late tackle.

Arsenal also made it to the fourth round with a 2-1 win at Derby County, thanks to a Lee Carsley own goal in the first half and a 55th-minute strike by Argentine Nelson Vivas. Dean Sturridge scored Derby's consolation.

Elsewhere Australian Harry Kewell was on target as premier league Leeds United beat first divsion Bradford 1-0, while Wimbledon saw off Birmingham 2-1 at St Andrews thanks to two Neal Ardley goals.

Blackburn also came through against first division opposition, winning 1-0 at Crewe with a goal by Chris Sutton.

In late results, Manchester United beat Bury 2-0 after extra time after the score at full time was goalless and Everton beat hosts Middlesborough 3-2 also in extra time following 1-1 after 90 minutes.

In the Scottish Premier Division, John Spencer came back to haunt Rangers with a stunning goal on his debut for Motherwell which sank the Scottish Premier League leaders 1-0 at Fir Park.

The Scotland international striker, who has just begun a three-month loan spell at Motherwell from English premier league Everton, buried Rangers with a 54th minute volley.

Spencer began his career at Rangers and had six seasons there before moving to England where he played for Chelsea, Queens Park Rangers and Everton.

Motherwell, starting the match in bottom place, looked the hungrier team and only the excellence of Rangers' goalkeeper Lionel Charbonnier kept the home side out in front of 11,777 fans.

Gershon quits as Rishon coach

Immediately after Rishon Lezion's loss to Hapoel Jerusalem last night, Pini Gershon announced his resignation as his team's coach. Gershon – who made the announcement in a post-game radio interview – cited professional disagreements with team chairman Yitzhak Peri.

It is known that the two disagreed over the handling of the Abdul Shams-Adin situation. (Rishon's center was cut two games into the season). While the two agreed that Shams-Adin needed to be released, Gershon was furious that it was done before a suitable replacement had been found. Rishon has lost three consecutive league games since that incident, and they have been glaringly weak in the paint.

Late last night, Peri expressed displeasure at the way Gershon announced his resignation. "I'm very disappointed that Pini made it official in the media, before notifying me. That's not the way a professional organization should be run," he said. Peri added that this saga is just a minor setback for the club, "which will recover in a big way." *Eli Groner*

Maccabi Tel Aviv plane makes emergency landing at B-G

By ORI LEWIS

A plane carrying Maccabi Tel Aviv's hoopsters, officials and accompanying journalists to Yugoslavia yesterday was forced to turn around and make an emergency landing at Ben-Gurion Airport after experiencing engine trouble after about 30 minute in the air.

The chartered Aeroel Airlines Dash-8 twin turboprop carrying 32 passengers and crew landed without incident, the Israel Airports Authority said.

"The captain had detected a loss of power in one of the engines," an authority spokeswoman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The party boarded an identical aircraft half an hour after landing, and arrived safely in Belgrade yesterday afternoon ahead of today's EuroLeague game against Red Star Belgrade. (See preview, Page 18)

Islanders edge Kings; Rangers-Sabres play scoreless tie

UNIONDALE, New York (AP) – Tommy Salo stopped 20 shots for his third shutout of the season and Joe Sacco scored in the third period as the New York Islanders beat the Los Angeles Kings 1-0 Tuesday night.

Sacco's goal, his first of the season, came at 2:01 of the final period. After taking two strides over the red line, Sacco fired a slap shot toward Kings goalie Manny Legace. The puck bounced in front of the crease and went through the goalie's pads.

Salo, who has played in all eight games for New York this season, also has shutouts against Tampa Bay and St. Louis. He got a break when an apparent tying goal was disallowed with 6:15 left in the game because the net came loose before the puck crossed the goal line.

Rangers 0, Sabres 0

In New York, Dominik Hasek, with help from both his defense and goal posts, extended his shutout streak against New York to four games as the Buffalo Sabres and Rangers played to a scoreless tie.

Hasek and Rangers goaltender Mike Richter were both flawless, but Hasek only had to face 16 shots while posting the 35th shutout of his National Hockey League career. Hasek also was lucky as three New York shots hit the posts.

Flyers 2, Blues 1

In Philadelphia, Colin Forbes deflected a nonchalant shot by Dan McGillis 28 seconds into the second period for the decisive goal, and John Vanbiesbrouck made 30 saves as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the St. Louis Blues.

The Atlantic-leading Flyers won for the first time in three games after losing to New Jersey and tying the Rangers on Saturday.

Predators 5, Canucks 4

In Nashville, Tennessee, Sergei Krivokrasov scored two goals, including the game-winner with 1:26 left, as Nashville snapped a four-game losing streak.

Krivokrasov, who also had an assist, pushed the rebound of Jamie Heward's shot through goalie Garth Snow's legs on the power play to snap a 4-4 tie.

Jeff Daniels, Tom Fitzgerald and Andrew Brunette also scored for Nashville, which blew a two-goal lead in the third period for the second straight game.

Los Angeles 0 0 0–0
N.Y. Islanders 0 0 1–1
First Period–None. Second Period–None. Third Period–1, New York, Sacco 1 (Miller), 2:01. Shots on goal–Los Angeles 4-9-7–20. New York 14-11-9–34. Power-play Opportunities–Los Angeles 0 of 4; New York 0 of 2. Goalies–Los Angeles, Legace 1-1-1 (34 shots-33 saves). New York, Salo 4-4-0 (20-20).

Buffalo 0 0 0–0
N.Y. Rangers 0 0 0–0
First Period–None. Second Period–None. Third Period–None. Overtime–None. Shots on goal–Buffalo 9-9-5-1–24. New York 8-2-3-3–16. Power-play Opportunities–Buffalo 0 of 5; New York 0 of 6. Goalies–Buffalo, Hasek 2-3-2 (16 shots-16 saves). New York, Richter 2-3-3 (24-24).

St. Louis 1 0 0–1
Philadelphia 1 1 0–2
First Period–1, St. Louis, Turgeon 2 (Young), 4:16. 2, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 4 (Desjardins, LeClair), 16:28 (pp). Second Period–3, Philadelphia, Forbes 3 (McGillis, Bureau), :28. Third Period–None. Shots on goal–St. Louis 9-12-10–31. Philadelphia 9-6-5–20. Power-play Opportunities–St. Louis 0 of 4; Philadelphia 1 of 9. Goalies–St. Louis, McLennan 2-2-0 (20 shots-18 saves). Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck 4-1-2 (31-30).

Vancouver 1 1 2–4
Nashville 2 2 1–5
First Period–1, Vancouver, Messier 4 (Mogilny, Ohlund) 4:56. 2, Nashville, Daniels 1 (More, Bouchard), 16:43. Second Period–4, Nashville, Fitzgerald 1 (Walker, Heward), 5:20. 5, Vancouver, Aucoin 2 (Messier, Ohlund), 13:05 (pp). 6, Nashville, Brunette 3 (Krivokrasov, Johnson), 16:53. Third Period–7, Vancouver, Murdoch 3 (Zezel, Naslund), 1:42 (pp). 8, Nashville, Krivokrasov 6 (Heward, Johnson), 18:34 (pp). Shots on goal–Vancouver 10-13-8–31. Nashville 11-14-5–30. Power-play Opportunities–Vancouver 2 of 6; Nashville 1 of 5. Goalies–Vancouver, Snow 4-4-0 (30 shots-25 saves). Nashville, Dunham 2-4-1 (31-27).

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	2	12	20	11
N.Y. Islanders	4	4	0	8	16	18
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	7	16	18
N.Y. Rangers	2	4	3	7	15	23
New Jersey	3	3	0	6	12	13
Northeast Division						
Toronto	5	2	1	11	26	21
Montreal	3	3	1	7	17	14
Boston	3	4	1	7	15	14
Ottawa	3	3	0	6	17	16
Buffalo	2	3	2	6	14	15
Southeast Division						
Washington	3	2	2	8	13	10
Tampa Bay	3	4	1	7	19	23
Florida	2	1	3	7	10	11
Carolina	2	2	3	7	17	15
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Detroit	5	2	0	10	21	12
Chicago	4	2	1	9	19	19
St. Louis	3	3	1	7	18	18
Nashville	2	5	1	5	20	26
Northwest Division						
Vancouver	4	4	0	8	23	19
Edmonton	3	4	0	6	21	19
Calgary	2	4	1	5	19	25
Colorado	1	5	1	3	17	29
Pacific Division						
Dallas	5	1	1	11	19	11
Los Angeles	3	3	2	8	17	16
Phoenix	3	2	1	7	17	12
Anaheim	2	3	1	5	11	16
San Jose	0	4	3	3	10	17

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